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Joel's Goal

AN evening of live music will be staged in Oswestry next month in support of a 21-year-old who is about to embark on his third battle with cancer.

Joel Hassall suffers with Hodgkin lymphoma – a cancer of the lymphatic system which can cause breathlessness, tiredness and weight

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His friends started Joel's Goal to raise as much money as possible to realise some of Joel's lifelong dreams and also raise awareness about the disease, which primarily affects individuals in their 20s and 30s.

They have already held charity football matches and a "gigfest" in Oswestry which raised more than £1,000. They are now planning a live music evening on

ning a live music evening on September 7. Glen Jones, from JJAM,

Glen Jones, from JJAM, who is organising the evening, said the cause was something close to his heart. He added: "We're hoping to raise £500, especially with the gig being possibly one of the last at the Ironworks."

Tickets will be available on the door for £4 and all artists and organisers are doing the event for free.

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10 bailed in

assault case

TEN men appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Monday charged with vio-

lent disorder after a house party in Maesbrook.

Serious damage was caused to the house and several cars, and at least 10 people were assaulted at the party on December 14 last

year.

At the court hearing were:
Huw Glyn Jones, 18, of
Llanymynech; Stafford
Jones, 19, of Newtown;
Frankie John Jones, 18, of
Halfway House, Shrewsbury; and Richard Spencer
Rogers, 18; Ryan Hywel
Griffiths, 22; Thomas Alan
Herbert, 21; Ashley Pedrini,
18; Sam Williams, 19; Huw
Jones, 22; and Joshua Parry,
20, all from Welshpool.

They will return to court

Lib Dem candidate in pledge on jobs



JANE Dodds has been selected as the Welsh Liberal Democrat candidate for Montgomeryshire in the 2015 parliamentary elections, replacing former MP Lembit Opik.

The Liberal democrats hailed the selection of the former London Council and cabinet member as "a fresh start for Montgomeryshire."

"It is a great honour to be selected to be the Welsh Liberal Democrat candidate in Montgomeryshire for the 2015 elections," she said.

And the new candidate, who was born and raised in Wrexham, has pledged to bring new jobs to the county.

"My priority for Mont-gomeryshire is jobs – creat-ing and retaining jobs in the area," she said.

"The Liberal Democrats "The Liberal Democrats in government are already pushing for more jobs and apprenticeships to be created through our "Million Jobs" campaign.

"Creating jobs in rural Wales is often harder and that is why I am committed to bringing jobs to this area.

"Montgomeryshire has a proud and great Liberal tra-dition and I will work tirelessly to ensure that I provide a fresh start for Montgomeryshire."

Scarecrows popping up

SCARECROWS will be pop-ping up around the village of Llanfechain next week in preparation for the annual village show.

While competitions from While competitions from cookery to crafts, flowers, fruit and veg will take place at the show on Bank Holiday Monday, August 26, there will also be a prize for the best scarecrow that appears in gardens and fields across the area.

One of the organisers June Row said the open scarecrow competition was very popular.

IVE W ΔΥ ΔΙ EART CAMPAI

by Iain St John

TODAY your Chronicle launches a special campaign aimed at helping to keep the people of Oswestry alive.

In association with the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and the West Midland Ambulance Service, the Oswestry & Border Chronicle is appealing for help from readers and advertisers as we launch our "Keeping Oswestry Alive" appeal.

Associate editor Graham Breeze said: "Our plan is to set up a network of life sav-ing defibrillators located in strategic areas across Oswestry, aimed at providing rapid treatment for those suffering cardiac arrests."

arrests."
Buying and siting defibrillators will cost in excess of £1,000 per unit, but thanks to the *Chronicle's* partnerships with the Heart Foundation and the Ambulance Sawiise these acts will be Service these costs will be reduced.

Fantastic

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"Midland News Association, owners of the Chronicle, will fund the first defibrillator to be located at our offices at 14 Salop Road, and Kate Woodhead of Woodhead Estates and The Principality Building Society has already come forward with a generous offer to fund a second unit," he added.

David Lee-Birch, the Chronicle's regional advertisement manager, said:
"This is a fantastic gesture by Kate and we are very grateful to her for helping us get our appeal off the grounds oquickly.

"I know from personal experience the devastating effect that cardiac arrest can have for families so we are extremely grateful that people are starting to come forward already to support our campaign."

Cardiac arrests and heart

campaign." Cardiac arrests and heart attacks affect an estimated 111,000 people each year in England alone. Over 75,000 England alone. Over 75,000 people die each year in the UK from sudden cardiac arrest but, with rapid treatment from a defibrillator, around 85 per cent could be saved.

Community Paramedic Officer for Shropshire Terry Foster, of West Midlands Ambulance Service, said: Paramedic



"Bystander CPR is incredibly important because having people on hand who know what to do is crucial."

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"Specialist training in
basic life support skills can
and really does save lives.

"The earlier someone suffering from a cardiac arrest
receives CPR and defibrillation, the greater the chance
of survival.

"We took people year.

"We teach people very simple, basic procedures. They are simple, effective and they work.

"What we teach is how to

"What we teach is how to manage a person who's collapsed, how to do oxygen therapy and how to use a defibrillator.

"People normally don't die of a cut finger or a broken leg, but you will die if your heart stops and the patient is left with no immediate intervention.

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"It's as simple as that."
Warren Appleby, Shropshire's Fundraising Volunteer Manager for the BHF, backed the launch of the appeal.

"This is a very positive theme and the British Heart Foundation is pleased to be associated with the Chronicle and the West Midland Ambulance Service," he said.

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Bags of help needed by charity



Tracey Roberts, assistant manager, and Gemma Singleton, manager, promoting the British Heart Foundation's Bag-athon appeal. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

STAFF at the Oswestry shop of the British Heart Foundation are appeal-

Brusia Heart Foundation are appear-ing for help in a bid to support the Great British Bag-athon.

The national organisation is calling for a million bags of unwanted items to be donated across the country and Oswestry shop staff want people of the area to step forward to support the appeal

appeal.

Last year more than 568,000 bags were donated nationwide with the people of Oswestry playing their part, and this year shop manager, Jemma Singleton, is keen to see the town's contribution increase. tion increase.
"It doesn't matter what people want

to donate, we will take just about any-thing until the end of September," she

"We have special bags available in

the shop on The Cross for people to col-lect and they can return them full of anything from books, clothes and bric a brac to shoes, crockery, games and

toys.
"It doesn't really matter how big or small the contribution is, we will be grateful for all donations." And Miss Singleton also issued an

appeal for more volunteers to help man the Oswestry store with the

omise of NVQ training. I have two full time assistant managers in Tracey Roberts and Teresa Stewert and cur-rently a team of 25 volunteers. "But we need another 25 volunteers

help with stock generation fundraising, stock sorting and driv-ing," she said.

"We particularly need more people

on Saturdays and on bank holidays to help man the shop on a rota basis. "People will find it a very rewarding experience"

And for young volunteers there's the opportunity to complete an NVQ Level 2 in retail on courses run by Derby Col-

lege.
For more information contact Miss Singleton on (01691) 670630 or call in at 12 The Cross, Oswestry.

They will return to court on October 7. All 10 were given conditional bail. **Woman airlifted**

AN elderly woman was air-lifted to hospital after falling in Oswestry town centre on Tuesday, fracturing a leg and damaging her shoulder. The Oswestry Cae Glas Park became a landing pad for the Air Ambulance. Air Ambulance

Here's how to donate to the lifesaver appeal

ANYONE wishing to donate can make payments into the appeal fund Instant Access Savings Account at The Principality Building Society in Legg Street, Oswestry.

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Dan Tompson, leading the team at Walford College.

College's training restaurant to open in Septe WALFORD and North Shropshire College's new training restaurant of "La Becasse" restaurant in Ludlow as it perfectly reflects the ethos September, following a £150,000 fitstretch Coursely Control of a training restaurant. The september of the control of a training restaurant of a training restaurant. The september of the new facilities. Dan Tompson said: "This is an retical and practical of the september of

College's new training restaurant will open its doors to the public in September, following a £150,000 fitout at the Oswestry Campus.

The name for the training restaurant has been confirmed as "Scholars" following a survey of the public at the Oswestry Food Festival in July. The name was endorsed by

The college has been fortunate to get support from Will Holland and Celebrity Chef Marcus Bean, owner of the Brompton Cookery School.

The college team will be led by Dan Tompson, a highly experienced

Dan Tompson said: "This is an exciting opportunity for students to gain training in a unique working environment. Having personally worked alongside Marcus Bean, I am delighted that he is willing to support this new venture."

Full-time course options include the Professional Chef Diploma at Levels 1 and 2 and cover both theoretical and practical modules.

To apply visit the website at http://www.wnsc.ac.uk/coursearea/new-hospitality-catering/ or for more information, contact

Plea for photo of mother half-brothers barely knew

poignant plea for photographs of the mother they never knew.

Mike Trueman, 70, who now lives in Paignton in Devon, was a wartime baby, the son of Kate Edwards, from Oswestry.

lorda house - the former workhouse, later known as the public assistance institution -to have her son, who was born in 1943. He remained with her until he was four, when he was adopted. Over recent years he has traced as much

information as possible about his birth family and found that he had a younger half brother, whom he met for the first time

brother, whom he met for the first time about three years ago.

Now Mr Trueman and his brother, David Edwards, are appealing for help in finding a photograph of Kate Edwards.

"Our mother Kate Elizabeth Edwards was born on February 18, 1909 and died on December 1, 1961.

"She spent time in Morda House where I and my brother were both born in the 1940s. **Dancing**

In visits to Oswestry, where Mr Trueman has met several of his cousins and distant relations and has talked to people who remember Ballroom Kate.

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"People have said that I look just like her," he said. "To be able to see a photograph of her would be just great."
Anyone who might be able to help can contact Mr Trueman by e-mailing him at miketrueman@talktalk.net

As an unmarried mother, Kate went to Morda house - the former workhouse. later by Sue Austin

Specialist spinal team delighted at gold meďal win

STAFF at Oswestry's specialist centre for STAFF at Oswestry's specialist centre for spinal injuries have spoken of their delight after one of their patients won a gold medal at the International Paralympic Committee World Championships.

Josie Pearson took gold in the discus at the games, which were held in Lyon.

Ten years ago Josie, then 17, was in a car accident in Wales which left her with a broken neck and weakness in the arms and hands and paralysis below the waist.

Josie was treated by Professor Wagih El Masri and the team of the Midlands Centre for Spinal Injuries at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital where

Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital where she continues to have follow-on care. Professor El Masri said: "I am delighted for Josie. The members of the team of the MCSI feel Josie's achievements have brought the gold to Oswestry and proud that once again the MCSI is at the forefront of both sectional and international Sainal of both national and international Spinal Injuries Centres".

Before her accident Josie had a promising show jumping career. She later took up wheelchair rugby and subsequently moved to wheelchair racing and discus.

Police appeal over A5 crash



The scene of the smash. Picture: Peter Shah.

"I have learned that during the 1930s and 1940s she was very keen on ballroom dancing and achieved a good standard, entering a number of competitions.
"I understand she was referred to as Ballroom Kate because of that love of dancing."
"We are hoping that somebody out there may have taken photographs of ballroom dance events in the area that may still survive."

The scene of the smass POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a crash near Oswestry which left two elderly women in hospital on Monday.

The two-car collision happened on the A5 between Shrewsbury and Oswestry at about 3.35pm on a stretch of road between West Felton and Queen's Head.

Police spokesman Chris Ammonds said: "Two of the casualties were elderly women who sustained serious injuries."

A silver Chevrolet rolled over and ended up on the embankment of the A5 after colliding with a black Toyota.

Two fire crews from Oswestry and Baschurch and a rescue tender from Wellington attended. Cutting equipment was used to remove the roof of the Toyota.

A spokesman for Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "Holmatro cutting

n. Picture: Peter snan.
equipment was used to extricate three passengers from the Toyota, who were all transferred to hospital. One passenger was discharged after treatment."

Both sides of the A5 were closed for more than six hours while emergency services freed the passengers and police cleared debris from the road.

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Police are continuing to investigate the circumstances and appealed to witnesses to contact Shrewsbury police station on 101.

Inspector Jane Fitzpatrick, from West Mercia Police, said: "A Chevrolet rolled over after being in collision with a Toyota Avensis and at least one person was airlifted to hospital as a precaution.

"Three people were taken to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and one had minor injuries and was discharged."





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Festival to take place in llage

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A NEW festival will take place in a village straddling the Shropshire border at the weekend.

Llanymynech Folk weekend will be held from Friday to Sunday bringing together both English and Welsh folk

music.

The English/Welsh cultures will also be celebrated with the creation of huge puppets of the English lion and Welsh dragon which will be paraded through the village streets.

Taking place across the

Taking place across the whole village and in the heritage area of Llanymynech,near Osw-Lianymynech, near Osw-estry, the event will bring together music and dance, songs and storytelling from both sides of the English/Welsh border, with top performers and practi-tioners both local and from further afield.

One of the organisers, Gary Northeast, said the

Gary Northeast, said the event begins on Friday evening in the village hall with a concert.

Mr Northeast said Saturday would be a mix of music, song, dance, and storytelling workshops. Sunday will start with a music based service in the local church, and will be followed by a procession.

Full details of the Llanymynech Folk Weekend can be found at www.llany mynechfolk.org.uk

Trains steam in to town station

THE smell of coal was in the air in Oswestry last weekend when steam trains pulled into the town's station.

Locomotives of all sizes were taking early in the men.

were taking part in the spe-cial event on Saturday and Sunday at Oswestry Station organised by the Cambrian Heritage Railway with rides on a newly-laid 2ft gauge track and a 5in gauge line.

Town business gets on board with life-saving campaign



Kate Howell, of Woodhead Estates, and The Principality Building Society get the Chronicle's appeal under way with the first donation, which she is seen handing to associate editor Graham Breeze, left, and regional advertisement manager David Lee-Birch.

contribution towards The Chronicle's "Keeping Oswestry Alive" campaign is in the bank thanks to a local business.

Woodhead Estates and The Principality Building Society has already come forward with a generous donation to kick-start the campaign.

Help

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by lain St John

The target is to set up a network of life-saving defibrillators located in strategic areas across Oswestry, aimed at providing rapid treatment for those suffering cardiac

rests. Kate Woodhead said she was delighted to e involved. "This is a brilliant idea and worthy of support from the business com-munity," she said.

"We are delighted to be able to contribute

towards the cost and offer to house a defib-rillator in our town centre offices. The more machines there are in town the better for us all." for us all."

Thanks to forming an association with

the BHF and West Midland Ambulance Service The Chronicle is looking to set up a network of sited defibrillators across the

Chronicle associate editor Graham Breeze said: "With the closure of the town's ambulance station and greater demands on the ambulance service and first responders it is really important to provide as much support as possible.

Vital

"Treatment within the first few minutes "Treatment within the first few minutes is so vital for cardiac arrest sufferers and we aim to make the people of Oswestry aware of where every defibrillator can be found and help ensure that the training is provided for users.

KEEPING OSWESTRY ALIVE

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Keeping Oswestry Alive - Our campaign poster.

"The people of Oswestry have taken The Chronicle to their hearts since we launched back in March 2011 and with the support of our readers and advertisers we want to give something back to the town."

Midland News Association, owners of The Chronicle, are backing the "Keeping Oswestry Alive" scheme and staff will be raising funds as well.

Chief reporter Sue Austin and advertisement executive Marcus Evans will be running the Lake Vyrnwy Half Marathon on September 15 and sponsorship forms will

September 15 and sponsorship forms will be available from our office at 14 Salop

Other fundraising events are being

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in brief

Three walks take in the countryside

OSWESTRY Ramblers will be enjoying a day at Llanrhaeadr Waterfall today (Thursday).

Group chairman Peter Carr will be leading a fourmile walk from the waterfall up over new forthyldre

mile walk from the water-fall up over new footbridge and back via the old quarry road.

Anyone interested in joining the group should meet at Lloyd Street car park in Oswestry for a 10am departure, or call (01691) 671584.

On Sunday the group will be going on a moder-ate nine-milk walk at Cor-wen, incorporating Bryn Llus and Liberty Hall run, promising good paths through woodland and fields. Meet at Oswestry's Central Car park in for a 9.30am departure or call (01691) 671584.

In the afternoon there will be a leisurely and fairly level four-mile walk in the Knockin area. Walkers are advised to meet at Lloyd Street car park for a 1.15pm departure. Call (01691) 655212.

Bingo brings in £500 for charity

A BINGO night held to raise funds for Inspire, the Welshpool group for cancer support, raised £500.

The group's next fundraising event is a coffee morning at the Corn Exchange in the Town Hall on September 14 at

9.30am.

The group's next meeting is on Wednesday at the Catholic Church from pm

The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Catholic church from 7pm until

Book sale date

WELSHPOOL Rotary Club is holding a book sale in the Corn Exchange at the Town Hall, on Satur-day August 24. The sale will be open from 10am-4pm. Entry is free, with tea and coffee available.





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Macaw back home

A PARROT who has become a favourite with customers at a supermarket on the Shropshire/Mid Wales border is safely back on his perch days after being stolen in an overnight raid. The macaw, called Sam, is back at Harry Tuffins in Churchstoke.

oke. He was taken when thieves He was taken when thieves forced open the main doors of the supermarket to get in late on Friday night or in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Roy Delves, who ran the store until the chain was sold to Mid-counties Co-operative in May last year, is the owner of the bird but

year, is the owner of the bird but allowed him to stay at Tuffins after the sale because he was so

popular with customers.

He praised the work of the

police, who tracked down the parrot after studying CCTV

Dyfed-Powys Police said a 35-year-old West Midlands man had been arrested on suspicion of burglary. He has been bailed to a later date pending inquiries. Mr Delves said Sam was well-

known to people in the village and added customers enjoyed speaking to him and giving him treats during their visits to buy

roceries.

He said: "The police have been absolutely fantastic and we can't thank them enough."

He added: "He is very popular.



He added: "He is very popular." He's not really my pet, he is everyone's pet." Roy Delves, with Sam the Macaw who was stolen from Tuffins in Churchstoke and later returned. Picture: Peter Shah.

Thousands sign up to battle hill fort homes

MORE than 2,500 people have joined an online petition against proposals to build homes in the shadow of Oswestry Hill Fort - one of the town's most important ancient monuments.

And objectors are not being put off by the fact that English Heritage has not come out

fact that English Heritage has not come out against the proposals.

They have set up a petition against plans to include land close to the fort, said to be the birthplace of Guinivere, wife of King Arthur, for future development.

As well as the online petition objectors have paper petitions available in shops across Oswestry.

In its draft SAMdev plan, the blueprint for future development in the county, Shropshire

by Graham Breeze

Council has included land at Old Port Farm for

housing. In its consultation report English Heritage says the consequences of developing the land would have "a neutral impact on the significance of the Old Oswestry Hill Fort, providing that suitable mitigation measures are taken".

English Heritage said current planning rules stated that when a proposal will lead to "less than substantial harm" to a heritage site, "this harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal".

A campaign calling on Shropshire Council to

A campaign calling on Shropshire Council to defer its decision on leaving the land in the SAMdev document is now underway. One of the most recent objectors is John

of London. He said: "Our Royal charter tasked us with fur-

He said: "Our Royal charter tasked us with furthering the study and knowledge of the antiquities and history of this country.

"Old Oswestry is without doubt one of the best preserved multivallate hillforts. Its setting in the landscape makes it visually stunning, and crowding its fringes with building would be very detrimental to this.

More housing is desperately needed in the UK, but balance and careful curation of the unique assets of our landscape are the responsibility of the planning committee and council."

Details about the online petition against the proposals can be found at http://chn.ge/17lw/dT You can also join the current Facebook page to follow the campaign here at www.facebook.com/OldOswestryHillfort

Hospital chapel is open to evervone

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A NEW chapel has been opened at Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital to provide a space for peace and prayer for people of all faiths.

The chapel is next to a contemplative garden, which is filled with aromatic plants and comfortable seating.

Rev Adrian Bailey, Angli-can chaplain at the hospital, said: "Many people have told me how much they appreci-ate this new chapel and gar-den. Hospitals are very busy places

"Thope this will be a place where people of all faiths and none can find some peace and solace for many years to come."

The chapel at the hospital in Gobowen was moved to its current location following redevelopment at the hospital.

It is now next to a "contemplation garden", where people will be able to sit and be quiet, think, or pray.

Both the chapel and gar-den were officially opened this weekend with a service of blessing led by the Rt Rev Mark Rylands, Anglican Bishop of Shrewsbury.

Bishop of Shrewsbury.

The service, which was partly in Welsh to recognise the hospital's Welsh-speaking patients, was also attended by Canon Michael Gannon, the vicar general of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury, members of the chaplaincy team, hospital staff and the public.

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Plans for car park extension after pub revamp pays off

A REVAMP of a popular canalside pub has paid off - with bosses now asking for permission to extend the car park because of the

The Poachers Pocket pub on the banks of the Llangollen Canal at Gledrid near Oswestry,

was extended and modernised after planning permission was given last year.

Bosses now want to provide an additional 22 parking spaces to build on the pub's success. A planning statement in support of the application, lodged with Shropshire Council by brewery giants Marston's PLC, said at peak times the pub's current car park was packed out.

The statement said: "The current pro-The statement said: "The current pro-posal for the extension of the car park seeks to build on the success of the pub fol-lowing the 2012 permission, and provide extra capacity for parking at peak usage times.

The statement said the bid fitted plan-ning policy to control new development within the countryside. It said: "In accordance with the provi-sions of this policy the proposed develop-

ment seeks to serve a successful established business, but also maintains

countryside character by proposing a small extension to the car park that would only be visible in the immediate area and

be visible in the immediate area and should be seen in context of the immediate environment of the public house, which already features an extensive car park." The plans are out for public consulta-tion and Shropshire Council hopes to make a decision on the bid by September 18.

by lain St John

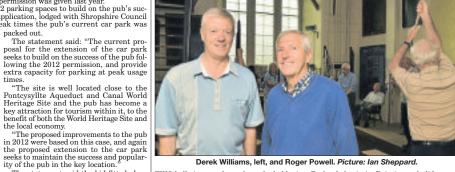
New shoe shop will open doors

A NEW shoe shop is coming to Oswestry after national chain Shoe Zone announced

after national chain Shoe Zone announced it will open a branch in the town next week. The shop will open on Saturday in the former Savers cosmetics and toiletries store in Bailey Street. It will create four jobs. Contractors have been working in the building, which is one of the larger premises in the street, for the past week to strip out the old fittings and prepare it for opening. The shop unit has been empty since June after Savers closed. Naomi Shefford, marketing and property director at Shoe Zone, said: "We are delighted to confirm that a new Shoe Zone store will open in Bailey Street, Oswestry, on August 17. "We are excited that this large store will We are excited that this large store will

we are excited that this large store will stock our full range of footwear and creates four new local jobs. "Shoe Zone offers stylish and quality shoes at affordable prices – we hope that shoppers in Oswestry will like what we have to offer."

Two bell-ringers are reunited



Derek Williams, left, and Roger Powell. Picture: Ian Sheppard.

TWO bell-ringers who took up the hobby in Oswestry were reunited last Friday in a church tower in the town. Oswestrians Derek Williams and Roger

Oswestrians Derek Williams and Roger Powell were with a group of bell-ringers from Bristol University who spent a week touring and bell-ringing in churches in north Shropshire.

They spent the afternoon at St Oswalds—Oswestry's Parish Church.
The two, who are both 68, knew each other in school and went on to become tower captains of their university bell-ringing clubs, Mr Williams in Bristol and Mr Powell at the University of London.

Although Mr Williams now lives in New

Zealand, he is in Britain on holiday and agreed to organise the annual Bristol University reunion tour.

Mr Williams said: "As I was organising it or the control of the co

in Shropshire I asked Roger if he would join

. "He learnt his bell-ringing in Ellesmere

"He learnt his bell-ringing in Ellesmere but we were unable to visit that church as work to the bells is under way. "People may well remember my mother, midwife Molly Williams while Roger's father, Ron Powell, was headmaster of the former Oswestry Boys Modern School. Mr Williams is chief bell-ringer at Wellington Cathedral, New Zealand, as well as heing a retired university professor.

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Walking a dog called Bear are Lucy, Grace and Nancy Cooke and Roman and Evie Allen.

Thousands flock to village show

by Andrew Morris

THOUSANDS of people flocked to a village show where they enjoyed a host of displays, demonstrations, competitions and far attractions last Thursday.

Guilsfield Show was bathed in sun-shine and warm temperatures - and the horse classes proved a hit with vis-

This year saw Spanish horse classes for the first time which went down well with participants from across the country and the show-goers.

The event was held on Fron y Fele Field in Groeslwyd, near Welshpool, and visitors have hailed it as one of the best agricultural shows in Mid Wales. Sally Jones, show secretary, said: "We were very excited to have Spanish horse classes this year at Guilsfield. Several of the horses competing at our show were recently in the national championships so they were some spectacular animals."

Mrs Jones said that in addition to the Spanish horses there was also



Sophie and Caitlin Owen have fun Pictures: Peter Flemmich.

classes for sheep, dogs and poultry as well as a small animal petting show.

well as a small animal petting show, where children were given the chance to handle small animals.

Poppy Hitchens, five, from nearby Arddleen, said: "It was nice to see the animals up close and to get to hold rabbits."



Sylvia Roberts, 48, from Guilsfield, said: "It is such a popular show and everyone from the village and all the areas around always come. The horses are always particularly popular and they seemed to be everywhere.
"It was so good that the sun was shining and everyone was in party

the Powys K9 Dog Agility group, which also gave the public a chance to have a go at agility with their own dogs. This year the children's pet show was moved from the main marquee so that

all the animals are in the same area.

Other highlights included perform-



Having fun, from left, committee mem-bers. Sarah-Jane Barton, Danni Andrew,

Barry Hughes, from Welshpool, said: "It is one of the best agricultural shows

in Mid Wales and the organisers ances from local magician and palm put on a great show. reader Rob Chapman and there were fancy dress classes, children's races, a "My favourite things are the animal parade of the Tanatside hounds, classic cars, vintage vehicles and many trade

classes, while it is always nice to sit down and have an ice cream and watch the world go by."
Final attendance figures are due in

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NEWS

Oswestry Rural Parish Council has looked after the site at Morton, near Oswestry, since 1984.

But the authority has struggled to negotiate with the field's trustees over getting grants to improve the site and it has now decided to stop cutting the grass and maintaining the land, which was costing it £1,000 a year.

One of the trustees, Morton churchwarden Andrew Morrison, said the trust has already found someone else to cut the grass and the field would continue to be avail-

would continue to be avail-

The field was bought for the community in 1926 after residents raised £125.For decades the playground was used by the village school.

When the school closed in

When the school closed in 1984, the parish council signed a 21-year lease on the field to ensure it was available for children to use.

Councillor Tony Cheetham said: "The lease expired in 2007, but the council's negotiations with the trustees to renew it failed. As a gesture of goodwill, the council agreed to support the community by continuing for six years to pay for the maintenance at over £1,000 a year."

Council to Thieves make off with £800 end care play field A PARISH council has decided to stop maintaining a village playing field after nearly 30 years because of a dispute with the site's trustees. Oswestry Rural Parish Oswestry Rural Parish Oswestry Rural Parish

in to some time between 11.30pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday.

Ian Spencer-Brown, the owner of the pub, said: "On Saturday night after the pub was closed somebody broke in and emptied both the tills.
"They were in and out very quick. They didn't take any spirits or computers, they went straight for the money. It could have been very much worse."

The thieves got in through a window in

the lounge area and then went to the bar, where they forced open two tills and took about £400 out of each one before making

their escape.

Mr Spencer-Brown said he believed the

thieves may have been in the pub earlier that evening, and could have made their escape on a boat.

escape on a boat.

"A window was left partially unlatched. The latch wasn't properly closed, and it could only have been done from the inside during the evening," he said.

"Most of the money was in change and it would have been difficult for someone on a bike or walking to carry it. Myself, I'm pretty sure that it was down to opportunity and I think they were also on a boat."

He said police found the two cash till registers, one near the canal and the other floating in the water.

noating in the water.

Police believe the thieves left the pub
through the window and made their escape
in the direction of the canal. They are keen
to hear from anyone who may have information, especially anyone who saw anything suspicious in the Whittington area on
Saturday night

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101 or 0300 333 3000, quoting incident number 157S 110813.

Information can also be left anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Saturday night.

by Graham Breeze

Town's historical maps to go online

THE history of Oswestry and the borders area is set to be made available digitally after the discovery of more than 300 detailed

maps dating back to 1875. Local historian Ken Owen was offered the Local historian Ken Owen was offered the stash of maps which were found in a garden shed where they were being nibbled by mice. They are being scanned and will be available on a website set to be launched soon. Mr Owen, chairman of the Dyffryn Tanat and Regional Development Trust, is now asking for more information on local history.

asking for more information on local history and particularly on Thomas Savin, the Victorian entrepreneur who lived in Trefonen and built the Cambrian Railway.

"It's a project to highlight the industrial heritage of the area, from Oswestry to Llanymynech and into the Tanat Valley," he said

 Anyone with any information or documents they would be willing to loan can contact Mr Owen on (01691) 882130 or e-mail kentonbodwen@fsmail.net

Showtime for pet pooches



Amy Hayes, nine, with Buddy from Chirk taking part in the Weston Rhyn Fun Dog Show. Picture: Peter Shah.

FROM a Chihuahua to a Great Dane – dogs of every shape and size were in Weston Rhyn at the weekend to take part in a charity dog

show.

The Weston Rhyn Dog Show was held to raise funds for the Public Institute in the vil-

lage, near Oswestry. It was organised by Karen Boyce who runs dog and puppy training classes at the Insti-

dog and puppy training classes at the Institute.

She said: "We had more than 300 entries for 22 different classes. There were three rings, one for the pedigree classes a second for the novelty classes and a third for the behaviour classes.

"The novelty classes are always the most popular and there were about 30 entries for the most handsome dog."

Mrs Boyce said that her favourite competition was the "fastest recall" class where dogs have to stay while their owners walk away then sprint across the ring back to their owners when called.
"It is wonderful to see the dogs are racing

their owners when called.
"It is wonderful to see the dogs are racing to their owners," she said.
"We had dogs of every kind from a Chihauhua to a Great Dane and a Newfoundland. And our youngest person competing was a four-year-old in the child handler section."

tion."
She said that the event had raised £300

for the institute.

"Thanks must go to sponsor Kronospan and to the Countryside Store which donated some of the prizes. Also to all the assistants who worked so hard to make the event a success. The show run in the afternoon but we were there for 10 hours, setting up and putting away after the event," she added.

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Man charged as one hurt in crash

A WOMAN was taken to hospital with neck pain and a man was charged with drink driving after a car crash involving five vehicles in Oswestry. The smash happened at about 8.20pm on Sunday in Lilac Grove.

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Police spokesman Chris
Ammonds said: "A lady
had neck pain and was
taken to hospital by ambulance as a precaution.
"Two men were

lance as a precaution.
"Two men were arrested. A 23-year-old was released without charge. A 30-year-old was charged with drink driving and bailed to appear at court in September.
"Enquiries are ongoing and we are working to establish the exact cause of the accident."

Anyone with informa-

Anyone with informa-tion about the crash is asked to call police on 101.

Puppet show fun at gallery event

at gallery event
CHILDREN had fun putting on a puppet show
with puppets they had
made during a workshop
at the Willow Gallery in
Oswestry.
The gallery has been
running creative workshops throughout the
summer holiday, giving
children the chance to try
crafts ranging from painting to creating Victorian
cameos.

Each session has been led by professional artists, and the workshops will continue until the end of

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Campaign aiming to save lives for generations

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Today we have launched a campaign to provide Oswestry with a network of equipment.



We will campaign for defibrillators to be sited in strategic locations across the town and will make these locations known to everyone in town through an awareness campaign.

"Keeping Oswestry Alive" is an ambitious programme which we launch today but we believe that with the help of the people and businesses across the town it will produce a legacy that could help save the lives of people for generations to come.

What really wound me up this week was being taken to task because *The Chronicle* had the "audacity" to carry the names and addresses of defendants in a very serious

Court case.

I don't need to defend this newspaper for doing what it does best – bringing you the news as it happens.

It is, and will always be, our policy to report on both Magistrates and Crown Courts and to publish the names and addresses of defendants when charged, convicted or acquitted victed or acquitted.

One of the good things about the local newspapers is that they provide balanced, accurate and fair reporting and I am a firm

believer that those who appear in our courts need to be named – and sometimes shamed.

THE fight is well and truly on to save Oswestry's troubled entertainment venue

The Ironworks. Hit by financial worries the owners have been advised to put the venue on the mar-ket but supporters are now battling to save the popular nightspot, which attracts some of the country's best acts. Even Shropshire Council Leader Keith

Barrow has thrown his weight behind the

appeal.

It will be a sad day if the town loses this popular venue. A fighting fund has been set up and already over £10,000 is in the kitty so fingers crossed all round.

Relief as closure threat is lifted for day centre

by Sue Austin

"I COULDN'T sleep and I couldn't relax. I was worried sick.'

Gavin Ryan described his feelings when the Maesbury Metals day centre in Oswestry was under threat of closure because of Shropshire Council cut-

While those who attend two other day centres in the town now face the prospect of having to move to a new centre, the men who see Maesbury Metals as their

The committee members at the craft-based day centre have spoken of their great relief that their "workplace" will not

be closed.

Maesbury Metals opened on the Maes y
Clawdd industrial estate in Oswestry almost
two decades ago and with the help of fulltime staff, the service users produce
wrought ironwork and metalwork items to
sell to the public as well as carrying out
reposits

repairs.

The beautiful pieces that they make give the men, who have disabilities or learning difficulties, engineering skills operating

machinery.

One of the newest service users, Ben Walton, attends the workshop two days a week.

"I have surprised my parents and, to be honest, I have surprised myself at the skills that I have and the things that I can now do thanks to what we do in the workshop," he said

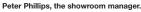
Full-time staff do the welding of the products but the service users do everything else ucts but the service users do everything else from getting involved in design, to cutting, drilling and polishing as well as using the turning machine to make decorative twists in the metal.

Maesbury Metals produces all kinds of metal work from large gates and seats to candle holders and log baskets and sculptures to display in the home and garden.

There is also a selection of sculptures of

There is also a selection of sculptures of animals, birds and butterflies. Service users feared it would be closed as part of Shrop-







Martyn Griffiths at work on a drill.

shire Council's cuts but the unit has been

same duthen's cuts out the util has been spared, although two other day centres in the town will close.

Last week, while working hard to get metalwork products finished in time for a stand at the Shrewsbury Show at the weekend, they told of the worry they had suffered.

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Showroom manager Peter Phillips has spina bifida but has never allowed his disability to stand in the way of things he wanted to do, including abseiling and a variation of snorts.

He was one of the founder members of the now international Federation for Dis-abled Cricket.

But despite his strengths Peter was reduced to tears talking about Maesbury

Metals.
"This has been such a large part of my life, and when it was under threat it was a real worry," he said. "We are a great team here and there is so much camaraderie."
Gavin Ryan, who, like many of his friends, has been at Maesbury Metals for 19 years, said: "We were all worried we might not stay open.

years, sau: we were an worried we hight not stay open. "I couldn't sleep, I was worried sick. Now we have had the news we will not close, I feel so much more relaxed." Now the workshop is no longer under threat the service users are excitedly look-

ing foward to the future. Martyn Griffiths said: "We are going to start making things from wood, like bird boxes and other gift

ideas."

Manager Peter Humber said a recent grant of £2,500 from the Hilton Jones Charitable Trust would enable the redesign of the workshops and the purchase of some

new tools.

But service users said they still struggled

But service users said they still struggled with transport to attend shows and fairs to sell their products.

"We need to get better known but it is difficult to get the bus to take us to events," Mr Griffiths said.

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A: There is a general obligation under the Data Protection Act for all personal data to be accurate and kept up to date. If personal data is posted on your site by a third party then it is incumbent on the company to take reasonable steps to check the accuracy of data. (since the company is likely to be held to be a "data controller" in such circumstances, despite the terms of use of social media websites suggesting that the company may not be)

The governance of matters involving the Data Protection Act lies with the Information Commissioner's Office (the ICO). The ICO must consider what the reasonable steps should be in all the circumstances (this is likely to vary between different sizes of company and types of social networking sites). The ICO will expect IT and social media policies to be in place to deal with issues such as inaccurate posts and complaints. In addition, you may wish to consider your policies for monitoring and moderating the site, so that specific employees are responsible for checking the content posted by employees and third parties to seek to avoid offensive and defamatory content.

This is a highly technical area and you should seek specific legal advice to avoid some of the pitfalls.

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Our fear of privatised NHS is not rational

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There are two basic reasons why the NHS is overspent, overworked and undermanned, the first is rip-off privateers who have been allowed to provide services and the second is the mass and uncontrollable I READ someone believes

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the mass and uncontrollable immigration.

Take Nursing Agencies. They charge, and get, up to £1,000 per day for one nurse. What about care of the elderly in homes – now privatised – all profit before natients.

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What about private drug firms recently accused of charging the NHS 3,000 times the value of some drugs and don't forget the daddy of them all – PFI – Private Finance Initiative, whose loans have left many hospitals, (and schools), owing millions they can never repay! This government has changed the NHS from a provider of healthcare into a purchaser of services from private providers – all who blatantly put profit before patients!

BOB WYDELL

OSWESTY

Demand EU So are you referendum

AS a member of the European Parliament, representing the people of the West Midlands for four years, I have actively been lighting for a review of Britain's membership of the European Union.

Last week, the ongoing negotiation of the EU long-term budget for 2014-2020 has concluded with a deal.

Last February, David Cameron seemed to successfully negotiate a momentous

Cameron seemed to success-fully negotiate a momentous reduction of the Budget, however the EU tactfully put a stop to any possibili-ties of this happening. After weeks of bewilderment between MEPs and the EU, an agreement was made

an agreement was made.

The EU needs to be held accountable for its obsession accountable for its obsession with wasting money. Now is the right time for the people of Britain to stand up and have their say. Demand a referendum on the ELI

referendum on the EU.
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Bible predicts a return to peace

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to look carefully to understand their message. In the book of Daniel written 2,500 years ago it says: "In the last days knowledge will increase and people will run to and fro".

Well knowledge or science and technology has advanced at unbelievable speed and so has travel. In the same book the dispersion of the Jews and their return to Israel after 2,000 years was forecast and happened exactly on time, as planned.

Many descriptions in the Bible of future conditions could have been

taken out of today's newspaper. Some of the words of Jesus Christ and also the last book, Revelation, outlining the Last Days, predict a terrible time of tribulation, ecological disaster, famine

tribulation, ecological disaster, famine and plaque coming on the world.
But take heart, the God who created this world has a plan which will be executed by his son, Jesus Christ. After the devastation will come restoration, peace on earth, so put your life in His hands if you want to be here to see it.

RON JONES
OSWESTY



The Government has announced plans to mark the centenary of World War One by having commemorative paving stones in the home towns of all Britain's Victoria Cross heroes of the conflict. That should mean such a stone in Oswestry, home town of Harold Whitfield at the time he won the VC while fighting the Turks in 1918. Here he is with Rose, his second wife. A widower, he married her in November 1929 at the age of 43. She was either 26 (she was born in 1903) or 28 (the age on the marriage certificate) and had been his housekeeper at Drenewydd Farm, Whittington. Her maiden name was Scoltock and she was born in Madeley. The date of this photo is uncertain – it might even be an engagement picture.

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chosen to donate, because
they provide patients with
the best possible outcomes.
But young men make up just
12 per cent of the Anthony
Nolan register

Nolan register.
I joined the register in 1 joined the register in 2011. I'm now calling on men aged 16 to 30 to sign up too. Join at www.antho nynolan.org So are you man enough to join me?

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WE know that many people suffer in silence because they We know that many people suffer in sience because they are too embarrassed to talk about their poo, and yet constipation and other bowel worries affect millions of people. Beating Bowel Cancer wants the nation to be more open and willing to talk about their poo and going to the loo, and to discuss health concerns as soon as they appear. This month we're urging everyone to "loosen up" and visit www.LetsTalkConstipation.co.uk for information

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periphery of scandals, cul minating in the disgraceful conduct at Mid Stafford-

criticism. Criteria for nurse train Criteria for nurse training is largely the same now as in the 60s, namely that they need to have common sense, be compassionate, show an ability to study, and be committed to the patients in their care.

The only difference today is that degree trained nurses who lack in any of these qualities usually end up as senior managers.

Ask any nurse who works in a hot and heavy NHS trust and they will plainly tell you that there are not enough of them to perform

enough of them to perform

enough of them to perform basic functions.

Nursing staffing levels are controlled by individual trusts, not by the Department of Health.

It is individual trusts that set and control staffing levels and it is their responsibility to deliver the NHS Constitution, meet targets, and satisfy CQC inspectors. It is about time the Department of Health, Jeremy Hunt, RCN and Unison wake up and take notice of wake up and take notice of what is happening at ward

murderers

WITH news of murders being reported daily, surely now is the time to re-introduce the death penalty for

Nursing

THE last few years have seen the NHS embroiled in conduct at Mid Statiora-shire, and the ensuing witch-hunt that has left a multitude of monitoring organisations largely unal-tered and apparently blameless. It beggars belief that these organisations

these organisations, charged with protecting patients, have totally patients, have totally ignored what was plainly We now see that nurses

are once again at the centre of attention as the Depart ment of Health directs the public away from root causes, and Project 2000 training come into further criticism.

basic functions

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duce the death penalty for all murderers – not hanging, but lethal injection.

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in brief

Trip back to 80s to raise funds

A TRIP back to the 1980s is being organised as a fun way to raise funds for an innovative educational

group.

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Schools enable children to
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And the 80s night is

And the 80s night is being organised on Sep-tember 28 at the Royal Oak to raise some funds to provide more resources.

"It has proven to be a huge success nationally and children love it," said a spokesperson.

Tickets, priced at £5, are available from Claire on 07749 447420.

Blood service to visit town hall

THE National Blood Serv ice will be visiting Welsh-pool on Thursday.

Donor sessions will take place in Welshpool Town Hall between 2pm and 4pm and then from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Go along if you are in ood health and aged 17-0. New donors are very

Appointments can be made or further information is available. Contact 0300 123 23 23 or see http://www.blood.co.uk

Welcome for walkers after their 135-mile challenge

to welcome charity fundraisers Megan and Rosemary Charman and Katie Harding as they reached the end of their marathon summer walk.

Just after 4pm the trio arrived in the town centre at the end of Glyndwr's Way, two weeks after setting off from Knighton to walk the 135-mile national trail. Their arrival was the culmination of a trek first dreamed up by 15-year-olds Megan and Katie as

Welshpool.

by Graham Breeze

Images needed for arts festival

A 360-degree projection dome will take centre stage at an arts festival to be held near Welshpool next month.

The Andrew Logan Museum of Sculpture at Berriew will be hosting its annual sculpture arts festival on the theme of "The Image" from September 4 to 8.

At the festival's centre will be the Igloo, a on dismeter 360-degree projection space.

At the festival's centre will be the Igloo, a 9m diameter 360-degree projection space. The programme will include a series of short films created by the museum staff working with Berriew Primary and Welshpool High School pupils. The museum is looking for images of Berriew to show in the Igloo dome. They will

Berriew to show in the Igloo dome. They will be projected on the big 360 degree screen and so must be at least 720 pixels high. They can be e-mailed to dropbox@andrewloganmuseum.org with contact details or posted to My Berriew! Andrew Logan Museum of Sculpture, Festival 2013 – "The Image", Berriew, Powys, SY21 BPG. Enclose an SAE if the picture is to be returned.

ad up by 15-year-oids Megan and Katle as something useful to do during their sum-mer holidays from Llanfair Caereinion High School.

Having decided they wanted to raise money for charity, the pair came up with the idea of walking Glyndwr's Way, which weaves its way from Knighton across the countryside, initially down to Llanidloes and west to Machynlleth then north to Lake Vyrnyw, reaching a maximum height of Vyrnwy, reaching a maximum height of 1,530ft at Foel Fadian, before finishing in

Suffered

Megan's mum Rosemary, who works for Welshpool Town Council, was recruited to the effort and the trio set out with the aim of raising as much money as possible for their chosen charities, the British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research and the Stroke Association. All three have family members and friends who have suffered from the illnesses these three charities are trying to battle.

from the illnesses these three charities are trying to battle. While they enjoyed the two-week walk, and the very varying weather conditions, Megan, Katie and Rosemary were all glad to see the finish. Megan said she would hap-pily do it again, but not straight away! "Tm pleased I did it, I gained a great sense of achievement and it was for a very good cause," she said.

Rosemary said the two weeks of walking had done her a great deal of good. "Some days were harder than others, but we thor-



Katie, Rosemary and Megan celebrate the end of their 135-mile fundraising trek.

oughly enjoyed doing something that was out of our comfort zone," she added. And according to Katie the best bit was

the incredible views as they walked over the hills towards Machynlleth, the worst bit; "the fields of cows and bulls."

The three will now be collecting in their dwr

sponsorship money and working out just how much they have raised for their chari-ties. Make a contribution to the fundraising effort, direct to the charities through the trio's fundraising page at Just Giving -www.justgiving.com/teams/followGlyn-

lolo joins fight to help save rare bird

WELSHPOOL area bird man, Iolo Williams is head-ing a campaign to ban the hunting of Greenland white fronted geese across Wales. The Welsh Ornithological

Society has criticised the Welsh Government's deci-Welsh Government's deci-sion not to ban the hunting of the bird, the number of which are in steep decline. Wales is now the only area in the bird's regular haunts

where it is not protected.

President of the Society

President of the Society, television presenter, Iolo Williams said that while the Welsh Ornithological Society acknowledged that long running voluntary bans on shooting were in place at some wetlands, such as the Dyfi estuary, it believed that nothing less than a statutory ban on shooting would ensure its protection.

"The Society is concerned."

ensure its protection.

"The Society is concerned that any voluntary ban could be lifted at any time and that the voluntary approach does not cover all the sites where these declining geese could spend the winter.

"There is otherwise specialities."

winter.
"There is strong scientific case to ban hunting of Greenland White-fronted Geese. Studies on their wintering grounds at Wexford Slobs clearly showed that the geese are extremely vulnerable to hunting."
"I am ashamed that Wales remains the only country.

remains the only country where you are allowed to kill this declining species."

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by Graham Breeze

welshpool-based variable speed drives manufacturer, Invertek Drives, has been selected as a finalist in the ENDS Green Economy Awards 2013.

The awards, formerly the Green Business Awards, aim to celebrate the pioneers of Britain's "brave new green economy". Other shortlisted companies include Amey, Costain, the Co-operative Group, Dell and Skanska.

Invertek's costantic of Companies in Compa

costain, the Co-operative Group, Dell and Skanska.

Invertek's entry in the SME energy efficiency innovation category, supported by the Department of Energy and Climate Change, focused on the company's extensive investment in its Optidrive range of variable speed drives.

"Reducing energy consumption in industrial applications is a huge growth market; governments around the world are introducing legislation which aims to lower the amounts of energy used in order to conserve precious resources and save money," said sales and marketing director Rhydian Welson.

son.

"Optidrives can reduce energy consumption by more than 50 per cent in industrial and HVAC applications by exactly matching the speed of the electric motor with the application requirements. We are very proud to have the energy saving potential of our products recognised by being shortlisted in

products recognised by being shortlisted in these prestigious awards, alongside household names such as Sainsbury's.

"Invertek was established 15 years ago and now sells its products into more than 80 countries. We have worked extremely hard to develop a range of compact variable speed drives with the capability to vastly reduce the amount of energy used in industrial and building automation applications."

This follows success in the UK Energy Innovation Awards earlier this year where Invertek won the Best International Trade category, as well as success in last year's

category, as well as success in last year's Made in Wales Awards.

Safety skills training bid



Contractors learn to erect scaffolding safely at the course hosted by Morris Marshall and Poole at Welshpool Livestock Market.

The firm with offices in Shrop-shire and Mid Wales, manages more than 650 rental properties.

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Partner Andrew Turner said: "To continue to ensure the safest possible working conditions for our contractors, we, in association with our safety advisers Powys Safety Solutions hosted a PASMA tower scaffield and the Woldson J. I. stretch fold course at Welshpool Livestock Market. Twelve of our key contractors were able to attend and success

PROPERTY company Morris Marshall and Poole has organised the first in a planned series of training sessions for their key contractors. ing Services.

Firms represented included: Davies and Cooke Electrical Serv-Davies and Cooke Electrical Services, Aberystwyth, J E Evans & Sons General Builders, Llanidloes; M Bufton Plumbing & Heating, Newtown; Metrorod Gutter and drainage services, Welshpool; Mid Wales Guttering, Newtown; Multiscape Building Services, Tywyn; Powys Safety Solutions; and Richards Services Ltd, Welshpool.

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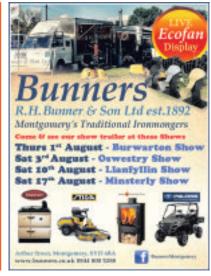


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Dyfed-Powys Police said it is important people take steps such as keeping curtains open to reduce the chance of being burgled while away.

Inspector Rose Ann Lloyd said: "The majority of criminals take advan-tage of opportunities pre-sented to them.

"People can take steps to minimise these opportu-nities by cancelling milk and newspaper deliveries and using automatic timer-switches."

For more information about visit www.dyfed-powys.police.uk

Quiz and curry to aid youth theatre

A QUIZ and curry night in aid of the Mont-gomeryshire Youth The-atre will be held at the Westwood on August 23 from 7pm.

Priced at £5 per person (including curry) for teams of four, bookings to Penny on 01938 553090 or 0781 772 1106. Please let her know if you would like a vegetarian curry.

Meeting date

THE Welshpool and District University of the Third Age meet on September 3 at Church House, Church Street. Doors open at 9.45am.

New £2.5m kidney dialysis unit now open to patients

A NEW £2.5million kidney dialysis unit has been opened at Welshpool Hospital to help treat patients closer to home.

The new renal unit at the Vic-oria Memorial Hospital in toria Memorial Hospital in Welshpool began treating patients in January, but was officially opened by Welsh Assembly health minister Mark

Assembly near Infinition American American Drakeford.

The unit has room for 12 patients and has allowed them to be treated closer to home having previously been faced with trips to Shrewsbury and Wrexham

Mr Drakeford said: "The development of this permanent unit serving North Powys will greatly improve the service delivered to patients in

"Our Programme for Government sets out explicitly our commitment to improve access and patient expe to improve access and patient experience and the provision of this unit in Welshpool meets that aim. I was very glad to be here to open it officially and meet some of the key staff involved in its day to day management.

ment.

Mr Drakeford added that the Welsh Assembly paid £2.471 million to install the new unit, which will "transform" patient's lives when he opened the unit.

Mel Evans, chairman of Powys teaching Health Board, added:



At the official opening of Welshpool Hospital's kidney dialysis unit AM Mark Drakeford, Assembly Minister for Health and Social Services unveils a plaque. *Pictures: Ian Sheppard.*



Part of the new unit.

"Over the past few years, Powys renal patients have benefitted enormously from the temporary facility located here but the opening of this permanent unit ensures that long term high quality service provision has been secured. "It also helps to ease the pressure on renal services at other hospitals within our area.



"Staff from the unit at Wrexham Maelor Hospital provide clinical support to the service in Welshpool, so people living in the area can benefit from easier, more local access to dialysis. We are delighted that we are able to work with the all Wales renal network and Powys teaching Health Board on this development." Glyn Davies, Montgomeryshire MP and a

Patient Joe Owen from Welshpool talking to Mark Drakeford. patron of the Kidney Foundation Wales, said: "The new Kidney Dialysis Unit is a wonderful new addition to the healthcare provision in Montgomeryshire – providing extra capacity for dealing with the growing demands for life-saving dialysis, and much greater convenience for Montgomeryshire based patients – it is transforming their lives."

Chance to have say on health

THE organisation that represents patients' rights in Montgomeryshire is looking to recruit new members in the Welshpool area to strengthen the voice of local people in influencing patient care in the area

care in the area.

Montgomeryshire Community Health Council (CHC) says it has several

vacancies.

Community Health Councils are independent NHS watchdogs that scrutinise the operation of the health services in their areas and represent the public interest by playing influencing the way that health services are planned. delivered and

way that health services are planned, delivered and improved in our area.

Dr John Morgan, Chair of the CHC said: "As CHC Members, we are making a difference in the hospitals we have visited by pursuing improvements to patient facilities.

"We guide people to the CHC's complaints advocacy service and this provides them with direct help. The CHC plays a very important

CHC plays a very important role in ensuring that the views of local people are heard."

heard."

Applications from underrepresented groups including women, minority ethnic
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the day off with an ice cream at the Mereside kiosk.

Mereside kiosk.

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market town, browsing in a wealth of busy shops. Butchers, bakers and gift

The Llangollen Canal at Ellesmere attracts thousands of tourists every yea

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"It's been a great year and we

Jones said the show was a success

"It's been a great year and we shearing, speed shearing, and horse, goat and dog shows.

"It's been a great year and we shearing, and a lot of people attend. The was also a main agricultural tent holding cookery and various other activities.

"It's been a great year and we shearing, and horse, goat and dog shearing, goat and dog shearing, and horse, goat and dog shearing, goat and goat



Dawn Lidster with a hen and a duck at the Llanfyllin Show, Pictures: Laura Dutfield.

"The car park was full by 2pm and people have been saying to me that we had 7,000 people attend but I think it is more like somewhere between 4.000 and 5.000."

There was also a main agricul-

Sioned Jones from the RSPB.

We had a sheep shearing competition and had about 50 to 60 entries for that, and also had a speed shearing competition which was amazing. They could shave a lamb in seconds. "There was 1,000 entries for the various things in the agricultural tent, and we also had a lot of entries for the best group of sheep. "The Price family won that competition with their group of Suffolks.

The horse show also had about 200

entries.

"It was a very strong competition."

She said that gate receipts compared to the previous year were up 50

pared to the previous year were up 50 per cent.

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bers of the family.

Bob will be presenting his skill at herding ducks with his sheep dogs, and will finish with a "Lamb National" where sheep will race, fully equipped with jockeys and trainers



Bob Hogg and his amazing sheep dog and duck display has been seen at many of the country's leading county shows.

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in brief

Pub evacuated in freezer fire drama

A PUB in Oswestry was evacuated after a fire caused by an industrial freezer.

Staff at The Wilfred Owen in Willow Street called the fire brigade at about 10.30am last Friday after smelling smoke.

A spokeswoman for Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "The fire was already out when the crews arrived. It had been caused by a burnt out motor."

motor."
Staff at the pub, which
is owned by Wetherspoon,
declined to comment.
Earlier in the day firefighters tackled a car fire
in Pentre, near Trefonen.

Men target home to steal Carlsberg

TWO men forced their way into an Oswestry home to steal a crate of Carlsberg.

Zak Willsmer and Thomas Morton admitted the burglary as they appeared at Shrewsbury Magistrates Court last Thursday.

The incident happened

The incident happened at a property in Crestwood Court on June 23 at about 6.30am.

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The pair had kicked in a door to get to the beer, which was later found in Willsmer's house.

Willsmer, 20, of Bailey Street, Oswestry, and Morton, 18, of Lilac Grove, Oswestry, will return to court on September 3 to be sentenced.

Campaign to save music venue raises £10,000

Oswestry has raised more than £10.000.

The Save The Ironworks campaign was launched at a meeting last week by Steve and Roslynn Gore who own the venue.

come in to offer their sup-port," he said.

"By the time we've got some fundraising events running as well it's all look-ing very positive."

At the start of the month Mr Gore was been told by his bank that The Ironworks in Church Street will be sold by auction on September 12 unless he can raise £140,000.

The campaign to save the

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The campaign to save the venue was launched a few days later with a 'buy a brick' scheme, as supporters will be able to sponsor a brick of the upstairs performance space for £20.

Mr Gore said he was really pleased by the support that he has received.

"If things keep going like this then the future looks good for The Ironworks," he said. "I was so nervous about how people would respond, but it's brilliant the number of people who have said they'll support us."

And Mr Gore said that by the end of Friday, he had

already received pledges totalling more than £10,000.
"We seem to have built up quite a level of interest. We've had a lot of people come in to offer their support," he said.
"By the time we've get the first war to the said." The Gores bought the Ironworks seven years ago and put £450,000 into the building to transform it from an empty shell into a popular venue.

Mr Gore said after putting so much time and effort into the venue, he didn't want to see it close without a fight

the venue, he didn't want to see it close without a fight. He said: "A long time ago I bought an album by Don McLean called American Pie. The last line of the song is 'the days the music died'. On September 12 the music will die here unless we do something about it. "We'll have a page up on our website with details of how to give through an online bank, and people can come in to talk to us to find out more." The leader of Shropshire

The leader of Shropshire Council Councillor Keith Barrow has thrown his sup-port behind the campaign.

 Anyone who wants to uy a brick can visit buy a brick can visit www.the-ironworks.co. **uk** or get a pledge form from the venue.

Dancers perform at Disneyland Paris



Dancers from Stagecoach Oswestry and Shrewsbury travelled to Disneyland Paris.

DANCERS from Stagecoach Oswestry DANCERS from Stagecoach Oswestry and Shrewsbury travelled to Disney-land Paris at the end of July to perform in the pre-parade in front of thousands of international visitors as part of the Disney Performing Arts On Stage pro-

Twenty eight students, aged seven to 15, went through a selective audi-tion process of submitting two audition pieces to Disney to secure their place

at the event.

Minnie Mouse and Mickey Mouse
joined by Donald and Daffy Duck

greeted the students and their families

greeted the students and their families at a fabulous welcome dinner on arrival at Disneyland.

On Saturday evening the students danced through Disneyland Park in the parade to the music of "Dancin' a Catchy Rhythm."

Principal of Stagecoach Oswestry and Shrewsbury, Debbie Glenn, says: "It was a truly magical weekend and a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the children. They had a fantastic time and have made some memories which shall have made some memories which shall stay with them forever."

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01691 668094 College's dairy cow picks up top prize

WALFORD and North Shropshire College notched up its best ever performance at this year's Oswestry Show, picking up a string of rosettes including the cov-eted champion dairy cow. It was a proud day for

eted champion dairy cow.
It was a proud day for head herdsman Mike Lutman, who led the Walford-reared Walford Manor Matson Lupin in the after-noon parade, where he was presented with the trophy for best dairy cow by the show president's wife, Ann Hughes.
In addition to the trophy

Hughes.
In addition to the trophy, the Holstein Fresian Matson

the Holstein Fresian Matson Lupin also won the Best Udder Award; Best Exhibitor Bred Award; and Holstein Champion. Show judge Alan Morris was full of compliments for the prize winning cow, prais-ing her line, depth, udder and locomotion. This best ever perform-ance from Walford at the Oswestry Show comes at the end of a busy year for the team at Walford Farm, fol-lowing the completion of the

learn at wanted rarin, for-lowing the completion of the new dairy and acquisition of over 100 additional cows to bring the herd up to almost 300.

300.

Neil Ridgway, Walford Farm manager and also a former Walford student, said he was "ecstatic" to see the string of rosettes, and was proud of his team, including several Walford students several Walford students who helped out on the day.





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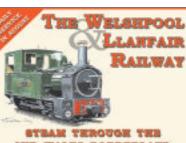
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Basketball star towers over village's summer Playday fun

BASKETBALL player Shawn Myers was someone to look up to when he took part in a training syoungsters. session

At 6ft 6ins, he towered over children taking part in fun activ-ities as part of National Playday celebrations.

The Gobowen event was organ-

The Gobowen event was organised by the village's Green Room youth project with the support of Shropshire Council.

The Trinidad-born Chester Phoenix player has played basketball all over Europe at a professional level.

Shawn, who coaches Oswestry Wizards basketball team, said he was delighted to promote sport and healthy activities.

was delighted to promote sport and healthy activities. The 44-year-old, who lives at Hengoed near Oswestry, said: "I played football growing up in Trinidad and even played against Dwight Yorke at secondary school so I have always been active. "I saw some guys playing bas-

"I saw some guys playing bas-ketball and thought I would give it

"That was the start of my career. You just never know who is watching when you are out playing



Shawn is helped by Fern Pugh, seven.



shows off his skills.

Road later this month. Sessions run on August 20, 22, 27 and 29 and have Sport."
Mr Myers will also be offering been backed by National Lottery free basketball sessions at Gob-funding and supported by Selattyn owen's sports court on St Martins and Gobowen Parish Council.



Basketball player Shawn Myers opens the play day in Gobowen. Pictures: Laura Dutfield.

Playday is the national day for play in the UK, usually held on the first Wednesday in August.

Another event was held in Oswestry's Cae Glas Park yesterday.

event throughout the course of the day with more than a dozen activity stalls to choose from

Organiser Rachel Edwards said she

More than 800 people visited the was delighted. So many play spaces have been lost over the years that it is important to celebrate the enjoyment children get from play and how you



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Firefighters praised for swift action to help choking man

Chief fire officer, John Redmond praised firefighters Adrian Bowen, Tim Davidson and James Lewis for their swift reaction when they were called on to use their lifesaving skills

at Oswestry Show.

The Oswestry crew members were giving out fire prevention advice and letting visitors sit in the fire engine at the show when the alarm was raised. Grabbing the first aid kid on board the engine the three firefighters ran to the tent where the man was choking. He was gasping for breath, coughing, and lying

by Graham Breeze

Planners' approve bid for wind turbine

Powys/Shropshire border has been given the go-ahead. Powys County Council's planning officers had labelled the 34.2-metre high turbine as "visually intrusive" and recommended the plans were thrown out.

But members of the council's planning committee said ne turbine would help a local business thrive and

the turbine would help a local business thrive and approved it.

The plans were put in by the owners of Parc Isaf, Llanrhaedr Ym Mochnant, near Oswestry, who told a meeting of the planning committee at Neuadd Maldwyn in Welshpool it would help the business for generations. It is the second time plans have been put forward for the 500-acre farm, run by GR Lewis & Son. A previous bid for a 48-metre high wind turbine was withdrawn.

Sarah Lewis, from the farm, said: "We want to do out utmost to ensure our business is in the best possible position for future years."

The application led to dozens of objections by people who said it was out of character with the area. It was also opposed by Llanrhaeadr Community Council and

also opposed by Llanrhaeadr Community Council and Llangedwyn Community Council.

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face down on the floor. Initially we didn't know if he'd had a heart attack

"He banged his chest in panic and managed to tell us that something was stuck in his throat." Oswestry crew manager Adrian

Bowen said.

Firefighter Lewis put the man into the recovery position while firefighter Davidson got the resuscitation equipment. All three firefighters helped to put a pipe down the choking man's throat to dislodge the obstruction. They found that a piece of crackling had led to the trauma.

Mr Bowen said: "As a firefighter, you go through so much training until these sort of things become second nature. You don't always expect to use first aid but this just shows how vital our training is."

Chief Fire Officer John Redmond said:

Chief Fire Officer John Redmond said:
"Firefighters come from all walks of life.
These three Oswestry firefighters are a
postal supervisor, electrician and delivery driver and they are all highly trained Shrop-shire firefighters. This is their job. To answer a call, whatever it may be, to help people in need."

The majority of Shropshire's fire stations are run by retained firefighters which means that firefighters, who are not full time but work in a variety of other jobs, are "on call" to attend emergencies.

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Firefighter James Lewis from Oswestry fire station shows Alysha Carroll, 10 and Liam Carroll, six of Penybont the breathing apparatus in the cab of the fire engine at the show.

'Catwalk'

AT 86 Cyril Owen is to lead four generations of his fam ily on a sponsored walk.

Cyril Owen from Oswestry will be taking part in a sponsored "Catwalk" on September 1 in aid of Shrop-shire Cat Rescue, joined by his daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughter.

The walk will be around Lyth Hill, Shrewsbury, followed by refreshments at the Cat Rescue Shelter in Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury.

"Shropshire Cat Rescue is "Shropshire Cat Rescue is a worthy charity to support, re-homing over 500 cats each year and having over 100 cats in its care at any one time at the main shelter and at foster homes throughout Shropshire," said Mr Owen.

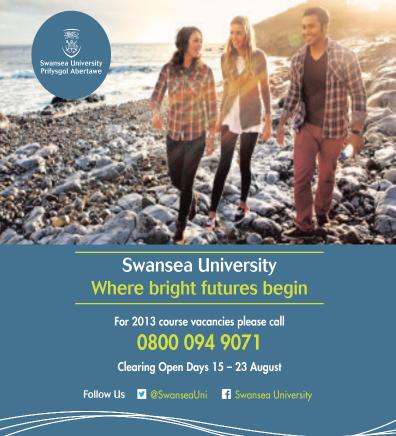
Anyone wishing to sponsor Cyril or join him on the sponsored walk should ring 07980 808662.

Craft fair to be held at castle

WHITTINGTON Castle will with Tink Ton Caste will host a craft and country fair on August 17 and 18.
Admission costs £2 and the fair will be open from 10am until 4pm.
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Homes bid rejected by plans

A PROJECT to build 10 homes in a village on the edge of Oswestry have been thrown out – to the delight of local residents.

Shropshire Council officers this week refused to give planning permission to the proposed development off Old Mapsis Way in Morda.

Morda. Members of Oswestry Rural Parish Council wel-comed the decision, having objected to the scheme as they claimed there was already too much housing in the village.

The application was for 10 semi-detached bungalows south of Old Mapsis Way and had been submitted by Morda resident Elizabeth Burton.

Burton.
In her application Mrs
Burton said she had talked

Burton said she had talked to people near to the site and had been told they would like something done to improve it. She admitted that they had said they did not want the site to be built on, but claimed Oswestry Rural Parish Council wanted more affordable and smaller-type housing in Morda, preferably in smaller infill-type sites.

sites.
But Val Smout, parish council clerk, said council-lors had "strongly objected" to the development.
Shropshire Council officers used delegated powers to refuse the plans.

Pub demolition is on the authority cards despite regulars' fury

PLANS to close and demolish a village pub near Oswestry are going ahead - despite opposition from regulars who don't want to lose their

Talks held to outline the plans to demolish the Penrhos Arms in Whittington and build homes on the site became "aggressive and unconstructive", planning papers have

revealed.

The plans for the pub, parts of which date back to the early 19th century, have been submitted to Shropshire Council by Shrewsbury firm Milford Investments.



Penrhos Arms in Whittington

loys dumped

A CHILDREN'S digger and a three-wheeled scooter have been found abandoned in Oswestry.

Police said the yellow digger, a pedal powered sit-on toy, and a child's pink Postman Pat three-wheeled scooter were found on Oswald Well Lane last month.

Constable Andy Neeves said: "If possible we would like to try and get them back to the children they belong to as I am sure they will be missing them terribly."

Anyone who thinks they know who the owner is should call Oswestry police on 101 quoting reference FC/029507/13.

A design and access statement lodged in support of the bid said developers met parish councillors in April to discuss the plans and then returned to the parish council last month to outline their revised plans. The statement said: "A number of customers of the pub were also in attendance who made it clear that they didn't want to lose their pub. It was explained the pub was clearly no longer viable and that there were clearly no longer viable and that there were

lose their pub. It was explained the pub was clearly no longer viable and that there were two other pubs in the village.

"This was not accepted by the customers and the discussion became aggressive and unconstructive. We tried to address further arguments regarding the loss of parking by reminding them it was not a public car park and permission to park was only by the good nature of the tenants which could be withheld at any point."
The statement outlined why the decision

held at any point."

The statement outlined why the decision has been taken to close down the pub.

It said: "The Boot and The White Lion are also in the centre of Whittington but have been more successful than The Penrhos Arms. Increasingly The Penrhos has been left behind not just because The White Lion and The Boot have more to offer, but also because of the wider changes in society that have led to the decline of public houses generally."

generally."
Shropshire Council hopes to make a decision on the application by October 17.

Quacking good fun aids college



Daniel Joyce and Ian Roberts receive the cheque from George Young.

A DUCK race and barbecue organised by the social committee at St Oswald's Parish Church for Derwen College funds has raised

"Despite the weather being cold, wet and windy, the students thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of the duck races and the barbe cue," said event organiser Paul Crosby

Monster trucks in search for

THE Shropshire Truck Show is looking for another new home just a year after leaving Oswestry for Shrewsbury's West Mid Showground.

Showground.
The show which attracts thousands of visitors each year will need to find a new home after complaints were made about the noise at this year's event.
Shropshire Truck Show only moved from Oswestry's Park Hall to the West Mid Showground in Shrewsbury this year, after organisers

this year, after organisers decided they needed more space. But residents living near the Berwick Road site complained about the noise

complained about the noise from the huge trucks following the event in May and officials say they had "reluctantly agreed" that the venue was not suitable.

Shropshire and West Midland Agricultural Society has been issued with a noise abatement notice on the back of complaints by residents, which requires a noise management plan for every event taking place.

Ryan Jervis, vice chair-

every event taking place.
Ryan Jervis, vice chairman of the trustees, said:
"The Truck Show's organisers are desperate to return to the showground next year and we would have been very keen for them to return."

Jason Lunn from truck

Jason Lunn from truck show organisers Independ-ent Event Management insisted talks were ongoing.

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ness centre is well suited to a continuation of the business, but could easily be adapted to a residential annexe, offices, consulting rooms or studio, subject to planning permission.

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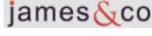
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throughout

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Rm, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room









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Majority double glazing, Oil C/H. EPC Rating F
 Delightful gardens surrounding the property
 Store sheds & garaging, parking





A recently completed 4 bedroom family home in the popular village of Selattyn
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Master Bedroom (en-suite) & 3 further Bedrooms and a Family

Bathroom
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UPVC double glazing and Oil C/H throughout. EPC Rating B







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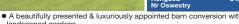
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A spacious Detached Bungalow

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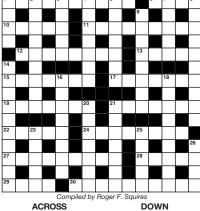
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- 12 Security unit with zip (8) 13 Nothing like exists as a place to get a drink (5)
- 15 A heavenly intervention? (7)
- 17 If someone is willing, this may be added (7) 19 It receives word of a murder being arranged (7)
- 21 Disorderly crooner in court (7) 22 A letter to a Greek (5)
- 24 Countryman may help you when lost (8)
- 27 Irate lies oddly couched in ancient Hebrew (9) 28 East European comes back for a dance (5)
- 29 The first question is how to get a job (4)
- 30 If one doesn't enter it, one's pulled through (6,4)
- 21 Study actual words used in the general setting (7) 23 Constituents have roles to play (5) 25 Goes on board? (5)

26 Busy worker has right to get a drink (4) LAST WEEKS RESULTS

Woman of vision (4) Woman of vision (4)
He may be flagging in his duties (9)
He won't mind his own business (5)
She may be alien to me (7)

Disturbed mice run in numbers (7)

They have to be driven home (5)

8 Gale wrecks potential for one who pays out (5,5) 9 Person or instrument making notes (8)

14 Versatile chap is in ill-concealed silent rage (10) 16 Shared a good round of course? (8)

18 She's used to getting low scores (9)

20 Uneasy feeling that a meal is badly cooked (7)

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Knitters urged to

join challenge

KEEN knitters are being invited to dust off their needles and take part in a charity knit along for Age UK.

Building society's hospice donation

NEWS

STAFF at an Oswestry building society have pre-sented nearly £900 to Hope House Children's Hospice after a fundraising drive. Part of the money was raised at a coffee morning held at the West Brom branch in Church Street.

branch in Church Street.
During the day, staff
served drinks and offered
homemade cakes to customers in exchange for
donations. They also had
collection buckets in the
branch.
The rest of the money was
funded by the building society's £38,000 Community
Counts charity fund to help
local good causes, with cus-

local good causes, with cus-tomers voting for the recipi-

ents.

Each branch had a £1,000 pot to be shared between three charities or community groups with a strong local connection. Customers chose their favourite to receive a £500 donation, while the other two will receive £250 each.

Jonathan Westhoff, chief executive of the West Brom, said: "We have close links to the communities we serve

said: "We have close links to the communities we serve and believe in assisting projects and charities that do so much to improve the lives of local people. "Community Counts is a great way to show our support and, importantly, allows us to direct that support exactly where our customers want us to."

their needles and take part in a charity knit along for Age UK.

The day of knitting will take place at Gemmipop Designs in Oswestry's indoor market and has been organised by stallholder Gemma Manning-Bentley.

She said: "For the last two years I have held a charity knit along for AgeUK and Innocent smoothies' Big Knit campaign, where we knit miniature bobble hats which raise 25p each and are sold on the bottles of smoothie drinks every November.

"The knitting day will be on August 16 from 10am until 3pm, but I am happy to accept hats until the beginning of October to save knitters some postage.

"Our target for hats this year is 1,500, but we're well on the way with nearly 600 already delivered to me."

For more information contact Gemma at her stall or e-mail gemma@gemmipopde signs.com

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Developers renew plans for homes at ex-ambulance base

Oswestry's former ambulance station.

The plans would see three, two-storey detached homes and one bungalow built on the site at Morda Bank in Morda.

The ambulance station was closed as part of a major shake-up of the service in Shrop-shire which saw crews relocated to Oswestry's primary care health centre off Oswald Road. Outline permission for the redevelopment of the Morda site was granted in 2007 and renewed three years later. Planning papers lodged with Shropshire Council on behalf of WCE Properties say the latest application is

a further renewal of that outline permis-

The papers say: "You will be aware that WCE Properties is now the owner of the former ambulance station site and we are conmer amountee station site and we are considering options for the redevelopment of the entire site, and not just the area covered by the extant outline planning permission.

"In the meantime however we wish to renew the consent to ensure that the opportunit to develop the site exercise live poul."

tunity to develop the site remains live and thus enable us to take a considered thus enable us to take a considered approach to redeveloping the site as a whole without the need to rush in with a hastily prepared planning application."

Shropshire Council hopes to make a decision on the renewal application by September 10.

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The Oswestry station was one of three in the county which were put up for sale earlier this year with a combined price tag of almost £1.5 million.

The buildings – in Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Whitchurch – had become redundant as part of West Midlands Ambulance Service's Make Ready programme. Shrewsbury Ambulance Station in Abbey Foregate was marketed for £800,000.

In Whitchurch, the station in Queens Way, was advertised for £300,000. Oswestry Ambulance Station, in Morda Road, was marketed in the region of £350,000.

Fundraiser's 48-city challenge



Andre Nicholls, back home after his adventure

or telephone Sheilagh Lewis on 01691 668091

A HITCHHIKER is back home after visiting 48 cities in the UK in 72 hours without any money.

out any money.

Andre Nicholls of Dudleston Heath was welcomed home by friends after taking up the sponsored challenge to raise money for the Churches Together in Oswestry and District Schools Worker Project which has been running for the past 15 years. The project is running out of funds to keep going.

Andre set himself a challenge to visit 50 cities but fell just two short.

He said: "It's a pity but I just couldn't get to the extreme south west in time to meet my target.

"But it's good to know I have raised about £1,500 so far to keep the schools worker project going."

Anyone who would like to support the project can con-tact the treasurer at 16, Brownlow Road, Ellesmere, SY12 OBA

Or vou can make a dona tion at Oswestry Christian Centre in Lower Brook Street, Oswestry.

Free event offers the fun of the

ASPIRING princes and princesses will be making crowns and magic potions at Holy Trinity Children's Centre in Oswestry later this month.

The Sure Start centre will ASPIRING

be running the free event for children under five on August 21 and 23 from 9am until 11.15am.

During the event, young-sters will be able to dress as princes or princesses and take part in a special story and song time.

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Ann Hartley, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for children's services transformation and safe-guarding, said: "This is an exciting way to provide activities for families in Oswestry in the summer holidays and to introduce families to children's centre activities. Play is an essential part of a child's learning and development, as well as being enjoyable for parents and carers. I would encourage local families to come along and take part."

Children's centres host stay and play sessions for families with under-fives on Wednesdays and Fridays, and support workers are available to provide a range of advice and information. The events are free and take patcare.

The events are free and take place at Holy Trinity Chil-dren's Centre in Oswestry throughout the year. Details on (01691) 656513.

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include a drink and treat.
Members are training

Members are training to become knights and ladies of the castle, and join as pages, squires or damsels.

damsels.

Costumes are provided and each session usually includes a themed activity session for the day, a game, and a break

game, and a break
On August 21 the session will include medieval
music, storytelling and
games, and on August 28
there will be an award ceremony and games.
To book call the castle
on (01691) 662500.

Garden society's visit to rose firm OSWESTRY Garden Soci-

OSWESTRY Garden Society enjoyed a visit to David Austin Roses last month.

The next meeting will be a talk and demonstration by Alison Beresford entitled Flowers for Cutting & Drying.

This will be on August

This will be on August 19, at 7.30 pm at the Cor-nerstone Baptist Church Hall, Lower Brook Street,

Oswestry.
Visitors are welcome, for further details, phone (01691) 659773.

Town residents hit out at quality of drinking water

quality of their tap water, describing it as "undrinkable".

Residents say cloudy water often comes out of their taps and needs to be filtered before they can drink it.

They believe the water comes from a borehole and problems with its quality have been reported to Severn Trent. Company bosses said they would look into the matter.

resident, said: "Sometimes it comes out cloudy, sometimes it doesn't.
"It just tastes horrible and is undrinkable.
"When you make a cup of tea without filtering it, it leaves a scum mark."

tea without filtering it, it leaves a scum mark.

"If you want to drink it you have to filter it. You shouldn't have to do this.

"This has been going on for ages. I am not the only one who thinks this. I have been in contact with Severn Tront in the past and they

been in contact with Severn Trent in the past and they said they would look into it. But it is like banging your head against a brick wall." John Frost, deputy mayor of Ellesmere, said: "It doesn't taste all that clever. It has got a bit of TCP flavour about it. We have to filter it

"Nobody seems to like the water around here. I think it comes from a borehole." But he added: "The water pressure is alright. We used

to get a lot of bursts, but a lot of work has been done recently which has helped."

Lincoln McMullan, town resident, said: "Sometimes it by James Pugh

Kate Taylor, who runs the Boathouse restaurant with her husband Richard, said: "As a glass of water, it is not nice"

her husband Richard, said:
"As a glass of water, it is not
nice."

A Severn Trent Water
spokeswoman said: "Following calls from customers in
the Ellesmere area last year,
reporting a taste of chlorine
in their water, we acted to
improve its taste by adjusting levels of chlorine.

"This year we haven'
received any further calls
regarding the quality of
drinking water. We'd like to
apologise to customers who
may be affected and let them
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Lincoln McMullan from Ellesmere takes a look at his tap water. Picture: Peter Shah.

Geese and foghorns used to

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KEEPING geese and using fog machines to disorientate intruders are two measures being used by Welsh farmers in the fight against rural crime, it has been claimed.

The NFU Mutual said rural crime in the country has fallen by almost a fifth in the last year, with farmers coming up with inventive ways of keeping thieves away.

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Losses in the country fell by 17 per cent from £2.3 million in 2011 to £1.9 million in 2012 in the country and among more conventional methods, farmers are coming up with new ways to keep safe.

Karen Yates, of the NFU Mutual, said quad bikes.

Karen Yates, of the NFU
Mutual, said quad bikes,
livestock and diesel are
among the targets for thieves.
She said: 'As a mutual
organisation owned by, and
run for, our members we
have a responsibility to work
with country people to
improve security and tackle
crime.

crime.

"Even though rural crime has fallen, much more still needs to be done to thwart rural criminals and minimise the devastating impact of crime in the countryside.

of crime in the countryside.

"We're starting to see the
benefits from communities
working hard with the police
and wider industry.

"However, people shouldn't become complacent, they
need to make security a pri-

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library is hailed as a success

ESSENTIAL repairs costing about £20,000 to Ellesmere Library have been com-

Library have been completed.

The revamp to the library, on Victoria Street, took about six weeks.

Councillors in the town welcomed news of the project after receiving comments from residents that the building was "shabby".

Ann Hartley, Shropshire Councillor for Ellesmere Urban, said: "I'm delighted that Ellesmere library's long-awaited and muchneeded face lift is now complete and that the scaffolding has now been plete and that the scaffolding has now been

scaffolding has now been removed.

"The library is looking really good and we have had lots of positive comments from our customers. Everybody is absolutely delighted.

"It's a lovely building and I'm glad it's been restored to its former glory. In fact, I don't think I have ever seen it look so good.

don't think I have ever seen it look so good.

"This work has greatly enhanced the appearance of the building and people will really notice the difference now the work is completed.
"The works to the library involved repairs to the timber windows and doors, repointing and replacing defective brickwork, repairing and replacing defective rainwater goods, and repairs to the slate roof all prior to the complete external redecoration of the building."

Book illustrator draws on inspiration from daughter

KIRSTEEN Harris-Jones admits her two grown-up sons think her job is funny – after all, how many adults spend all day colouring in pic-

The reason for their laughter is that for the past 10 years the 45-year-old from Tetchill, near Ellesmere, has worked as an illustrator of children's books, adorning pages with fairies, teddy bears and cupcakes.

But while Tom, 20, and Josh, 19, may not share their mum's love of pink, sparkly pictures, Kirsteen's daughter Rosie, 11, is a huge fan – and has proved the inspiration for

tures, Kirsteen's daughter Rosie, 11, is a hug one of the characters Kirsteen is drawing in a six-book series Cupcake Fairies.

She said: "The boys think it's quite funny that I colour in for a living, but Rosie thinks it's brilliant because I'm always here. I work all through the day but I'm able to stop and go outside and exercise the dogs.

"Ido use children that I see as models for the characters I draw. One of the main characters in a series I'm working on at the moment is a fairy called Cupcake, who is based on a little girl at Welshampton Primary School called Scarlett. I asked her mum for some pictures of Scarlett playing in the garden and carrying a watering can in the garden and carrying a watering can so that I can use her as a model.

in the garden and carrying a watering can so that I can use her as a model.

"Another character, Sparkle, is darker skinned than the other fairies and has very dark hair, but when I draw her it's based on Rosie. As soon as I draw her I think of Rosie. Rosie is delighted. She thinks it's fantastic." Kirsteen developed her art skills at college, studying graphic design before working in that field for 20 years. After taking time off to have her family, she decided to change direction and go back to university to study illustration with a view to gaining her PGCE and going into teaching. However, after winning a prestigious competition run by publishers Pan Macmillan in her final year of study, she was offered work by an agency in London and has never

by an agency in London and has never looked back.

Although she has only recently taken up



with Pam



illustrating, Kirsteen said she has always had a love of drawing.

"I always loved art even when I was wee," she said. "I've always had a pencil and pad in my hand. My mum was a seamstress so she always had lots of magazines around to get her ideas and patterns from, and I used to love getting the tracing paper out and copying the pictures of the models in the magazines.

"Then I found I'd got a skill to characterise people. I was on holiday and all it did was rain, so I spent most of the time in the hotel drawing the people I saw. The hotel manager came over to see what I was doing and said 'gosh, is that me?"

"I would like to produce my own book, but at the moment I'm so busy with all the books and cards I'm working on that I haven't got the time."

• The third book in the Cupcake Fairies series Plum and the Winter Bell written be.

• The third book in the Cupcake Fairies • The third book in the Cupcake Fairies series, Plum and the Winter Ball, written by Mandy Archer and illustrated by Kirsteen will be published on September 26, priced £5.99.



As an illustrator for children's books, Kirsteen Harris-Jones has had to put up with some gentle ribbing from her two sons about her "colouring-in" job, but her daughter, Rosie, has proved to be an inspiration for one of the characters she is drawing.

in brief

Tennis coaching for junior players

TENNIS fans are invited

TENNIS fans are invited to pick up their racquets and join in with summer holiday coaching sessions at Oswestry Tennis Club.
The club, which is behind Bellan House in the centre of the town, will be running a series of junior coaching sessions over the summer holidays on its two courts. Junior tennis two courts. Junior tennis players of all standards

players of all standards will be welcome to join the sessions on Friday evenings on August 9, 16, 23 and 30 to learn some tennis techniques and have some fun.

For more details visit the club website www.oswestrytennisclub.bt tck.co.uk or contact Harrison Gwilt by e-mail at harrison.gwilt@hotmail.comor call (01939) 261127 or 07415 507425.

Prizes at stake in library contest

MEMBERS of Borderland Rotary Club were invited to Oswestry Library at their meeting this week as part of the Oswestry Her-itage Open Days pro-gramme. The club is involved

The club is involved with a competition for children from the age of eight, who will be invited to produce a news-sheet in the style of 17th century literature. Entries will be on display at the library and those judged the best three will get a prize book token and a dictionary. Details ar www.border landrotary.co.uk

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Harvey recalls his **National Service**

DODGY dodgy haircuts, and loads and loads of bull. . . The young generation of today don't know what they're missing by not being called up for National Service.

A few years ago Harvey Gates, a National Serviceman in the 1950s, made sure his granddaughters knew just what it was like, by the writing the story of his life – and throwing the spotlight on Park Hall Camp, Oswestry, where Mr Gates, like thousands of others, saw the start of his National Sorgica et al. start of his National Service stint.

start of his National Service stint.

He was ordered to report to Park Hall Lines camp on February 21, 1952, where he was inducted into the Royal Artillery.

"The next few days were a blur of confusion," he recalled.

"We marched everywhere, with our eating irons – knife, fork and spoon – tucked into a pocket, and our mug in our left hands, held in the small of our backs. We even marched to meals.

"The barbers didn't bother with scissors, and I can't remember if they used a comb.

used a comb.

'A few sweeps with the clippers that started at the back of the neck and finished at the eyebrows, and it was 'Next'!"

was 'Next'!"
At kitting-out time he was thrown



Harvey Gates in uniform, centre, with his mates, twin brothers Geoff Knight, left, and John Knight.

a pair of brown boots which, knowing that brown boots were only worn by officers, he rejected, but was made to accept

"My illusions that I was to be an offimy inusions that I was to be an offi-cer were soon shattered. When we returned to the billet all of us who had been issued with brown boots had pointed out to us a bowl of black leather

dye and a brush. 'Get 'em black'!"

The recruits soon found that the Army-issue "shorts cellular" were useless. They were not elasticated, but supless. They were not elasticated, but sup-posed to be kept up by two long tapes. Too tight and they cut in. Not tight enough and they slipped down until only the crotch of my trousers kept them around my backside. Trying to march

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Home, sweet home, for generations of service personnel - Park Hall Camp, seen here in 1973

was bad enough without this. We would have liked to have thrown them away, but should there ever be a kit check and we were found 'deficient,' we would only have to pay for replacements. After we left Oswestry we went back to wearing our own civvy underwear."

In the evenings they made a start on the "bull" – polishing up and blancoing

meant another initial dose of square-bashing and bull. Reflecting on his National Service, he said: "We were the original package holidaymakers. We went to places that people can only dream of going to now, and it didn't cost a penny.

"Some, however, we would want ing to go to!"

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This wonderful aerial picture of Oswestry showing Liverpool Road, The Old Ford and Llwyn Road, was taken back in 1966 and posted on the Remembering Oswestry website by Allen Edwards.



This picture of Ferrers Road in Oswestry was taken in the 1960s. It's not to easy to park your car there any mo

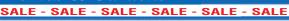


Albert Road in Oswestry during the 1960s, showing the former Do It Yourself shop on the junction.

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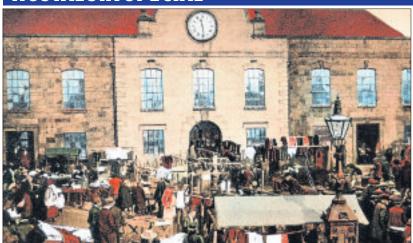
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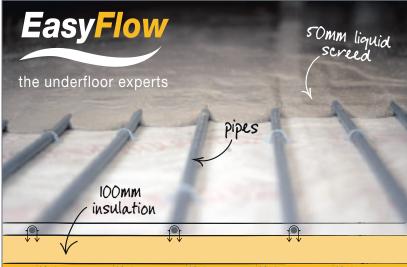




This picture of Oswestry Smithfield Market is believed to have been taken in the 1920s perhaps late 1920s.



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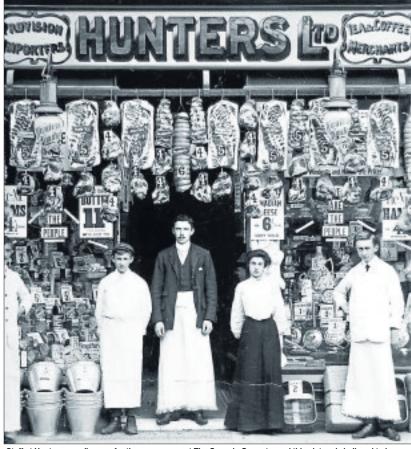


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This picture shows John Bennett hard at work in Weston Bakery back in 1961. He was the son of well known local baker Levin Bennett.



Staff at Hunters proudly pose for the cameraman at The Cross in Oswestry and this picture is believed to have been taken in the early 1940s.

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Good music and beer is on the menu

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WHETHER you're a fan of good beer, good music or both, then the Real Ale and Music Festival

beer, good music or both, then the Real Ale and Music Festival will be for you.

Kicking off this week, the event is at The Last Inn, Hengoed and will feature great music from quality acts.

First up will be Australian musician Derrin Nauendorf, who will be performing on the Friday. Derrin's music is an odd beast as it combines elements of blues, folk, rock, country and Americana. He ties all these styles together with intelligent song-writing and a raw acoustic sound. The gig will start at 9pm. On Saturday afternoon the festival will feature a performance by blues musician Will Killeen. Having grown up with the likes of Howlin' Wolf, Robert Johnson, Bob Dylan and The Rolling Stones, Will has developed his own style of 'Roots' blues.

Unlike a lot of blues music Will's songs are tinged with Irish folk, country and Eastern music. Will not only plays guitar, but also banjo and harmonica and in possession of a great blues vioice remisiscent of the old American blues singers.

The festival is sure to be a great couple

iniscent of the old American blues singers.

The festival is sure to be a great couple of days for ale and music fans so make sure you head along. For more information on the event ring 0.1691 659747.

On Friday night, critically acclaimed blues band Porter will be performing at The Ironworks. The band have gained wide recognition for their unique blend if blues, jazz and ska, with several tracks off their album Can't Keep Still getting airplay on BBC Radio Two. With front



On Saturday afternoon the festival at the Last Inn, Hengoed will feature a performance by blues musician Will Killeen.

man Gary Porter at the helm the band are currently touring the UK in support of their new album 'Stone Chucker', which sees an even greater blues influence. You can expect a lively set filled with great musicianship and catchy songs, so make sure you head along.

There will also be support from Wil Harris. The gig starts at 9pm with tickets costing 25 in advance and 27 on the door.

Talented singer songwriter Nikki Rous will be playing at the Lowefield Inn, Marton, on Friday night.

Having started playing guitar at age 16, Nikki has since shared bills with the likes of Supergrass and The Pogues. Nikki's music is a combination of heartfelt lyrics and great vocals accompanied by finger

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musician Will Killeen.
picked guitar. The gig starts at 8pm and is free entry.
If you're in Welshpool on Friday night then head along to The Royal Oak so you don't miss the fantastic acoustic trio Not Completely Blonde. You can expect amazing harmonies and unique takes on songs by The Beatles and Taio Cruz, as well as plenty of original material.
The gig starts at 9pm and is free entry.
On Saturday night The Ironworks will have a free night of music, featuring a number of up and coming local bands.
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Artists unite for display of their different talents

Centre hosts competition



Carol Roberts from the centre, Picture: Peter Flemmich.

Oswestry and Shropshire Art Compe-

THE Oswestry Visitor and Exhibition of the public are invited to the centre to vote for their favourite

Taking a look at one of the entries Entries are on show and members was Carol Roberts from the centre

THE artists from the Ceiriog Valley will join forces in September to host the Helfa Gelf art trail in the village of Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog.

Rosie Davies, Diana Baur and Rob Davies will be displaying their work in the Tithe Barn Studio in

Work in the Indie Baril Studio in Llanarmon, which is run by Rosie. It will be their third time the three have take part in the open-studio scheme, which receives funding from the Rural Development Plan for Wales.

Wales.

They will be demonstrating the variety of their talents with an exhibition that includes watercolours, photography and mixed media, during each weekend in September, from them until 5mm.

ing each weekend in September, from 11am until 5pm.

Rob and Rosie exhibit and sell their work throughout North Wales, with Rosie also hosting an open class in the Tithe Barn Studio once a week. She offers private tuition and opens her studio to the public once a month.

Diana is successfully selling her.

month.

Diana is successfully selling her, mainly abstract work, through DegreeArt.com online gallery and

DegreeArt.com online gallery and through private commissions.

She said: "For art-lovers who also enjoy the beautiful landscape of North Wales this is a golden opportunity to visit this lovely valley, from the well known Chirk Častle to Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog.

"They can take lunch or afternoon tea in the village before visiting the studio to browse the artwork or chat to the artists who will be in attendance."



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in brief

Figures please town homebuilder

town homebuilder

AN Oswestry housebuilder has welcomed
news of increased sales
from The National HouseBuilding Council (NHBC).

The council reports that
this year has witnessed
the highest half-yearly
total of new homes registered since 2008, suggesttotal of new homes registered since 2008, suggesttered since 1008, suggesttered since 2008, suggesttered since 2008, suggesttered since 1008, suggesttered hts on the homebuyer market as we see incre ased enquiries for our nev homes and future develop

our Spoonley Farm devel-opment in Llansantffraid now under way and a new site with 75 dwellings in site with 75 dwellings in St Martins, near Oswestry St Martins, near Oswestry, to commence shortly the news of the increase is welcomed. We will also shortly be involved in the Government's Help to Buy Scheme, therefore kick-starting the local housing market further."

Comedian's gig

FUNNYMAN Les Barker will be exploiting the idio-syncrasies of the English language when he performs at the Cross Keys pub in Selattyn on August 16.

Look skywards as our garden birds go through their moult

largely quiet month in the garden. Most birds are undergoing the moult and so stay largely hidden and out of sight, although a well-positioned birdbath will tempt some species out for early morning dips.

But turn your head to the skies and you'll be met with a flurry of activity.

activity.

Toward the end of the month swallows swarm on telephone cables and martins muster in flocks as they prepare for their journey south.

It is proving a lightly god gight for

It's always a slightly sad sight for me. As, just as summer seems to be

me. As, just as summer seems to be getting into full swing, they're gone. But fear not for there are other species to watch out for.

One of the joys of summer is surely the warm, balmy evenings. Although we may struggle to get a cool and refreshing night's sleep in these conditions, it does provide plenty of scope for evening batwalks.

Bats are really at the 'height' of

waiks.

Bats are really at the 'height' of their activities this month. We are lucky enough to have 18 species in the UK, 17 of which are known to be breeding here.

In total it equates to almost a quarter of all our mammal species. But why are bats so special? Well to start with, they play an important role in many environments around the world.



Some plants depend partly or wholly on bats to pollinate their flowers or spread their seeds, while other bats also help control pests by eating insects.

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problems with insect populations (because our bats feed on insects) or when habitats are destroyed or poorly managed (for example, some bats only live in large woodlands).

Conservation

In Shropshire we have a small team of dedicated individuals, the team of dedicated individuals, the Shropshire Bat Group, concerned with the surveying and conserva-tion of our bat species. If there is a sudden decline or a marked drop-off over time of bat

numbers in a certain area, it is comforting to know that because of the expertise and acute awareness of members of the SBG, the role of bats as biological indicators can be analysed and read in order that actions were better to except the section. action may be taken to reverse the

trend quickly and effectively.

Bats are very varied in their feeding styles and preferences and bury.

others take to swooping low over fields and country lanes. But oth-ers are drawn to water and if you take your morning or evening stroll along one of these be it river,

be eating insects.

In the UK, some bats are 'indicator species', because changes to these bat populations can indicate changes in aspects of biodiversity.

Bats might suffer when there are showned in the special biometric conditions.

should be seen at any time.

Keep your eyes and ears open for their blue and orange flash and their piercing whistle. They are much smaller than most people imagine and are barely bigger than a sparrow. But what they lack in size, they certainly make up for in colour.

My favourite locations are the

Severn, the Rea Brook and the canals of north Shropshire.
Happily, the last of the martins and swallows, as well as the afore-

mentioned bats, can all be found along these wonderful waterways too and so you may just get a little more than you bargained for when kingfisher watching in August.

See Ben's wildlife art in Callaghan's Fine Arts, Shrews-



Gallery at workhouse is due for

VOLUNTEERS behind the

restoration of a historic Vic-torian workhouse at Llan-fyllin are rebranding part of the building.

They hope the move to rebrand the gallery at the Workhouse at Llanfyllin will increase its use and allow them to run exhibitions con-tinually until Christmas.

Work to restore the work-

Work to restore the work-house, which featured on the BBC TV Restoration the BBC TV Restoration series, is ongoing and the ambitious plans include transforming it into a community arts centre and tourism venue.

The rebranding of the building's gallery and calling it Oriel Y Dolydd/The Meadows Gallery is another step in the restoration of the workhouse, organiser said.

Organiser Bob Guy said: "There is now a strong control or the control of the cont

Organiser Bob Guy said:
"There is now a strong contingent of artists and craft
makers renting studios at Y
Dolydd/Llanfyllin Workhouse, who are planning to
reopen the gallery as an
exhibition space."

Mr Guy said two events
have been planned for the
summer to recognise the
rebranding programme.

have been planned for the summer to recognise the rebranding programme.

A mixed exhibition runs until Sunday and will be open this weekend from 11am to 4pm.

A one-day sculpture workshop run by artists Darren Fraser and Beatriz Cabrera is due to take place on August 26.

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Welshpool livestock market

MARKETS

Monday, August 5.

OTMS (70)

AN entry of over thirty
month cattle sold to average
131.29ppkg for the older
cows, 133ppkg for the bulls,
under 48 month old heifers
sold to 142.55ppkg and 48 to
72 month old steers to average 162.52ppkg. A Limousin
cow weighing 750kg from
JG & SE Robinson achieved
the top market price of
£1305; therefore Mr Robinson receives the Briarwood son receives the Briarwood Products Limited Prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day.
Another Limousin cow
weighing 720kg made Another Limousin cow weighing 720kg made £1252.80 from PL Harrison, Neuaddlwyd. An older Lim-ousin bull weighing 867kg made a total of £1153.11 from M Evans, Gate Farm. A Charolais bull under 72 months weighed 990kg made £1534.50 from EI Lewis & Son, Henllan. Under 48 month Friesian heifer weighing 758kg made

heifer weighing 758kg made a total of £1000.56 from James Brooke, Weston

House.
FAT CATTLE (15)
Ten top quality heifers at an average price of 222.35ppkg and topped at 266ppkg with two other 266ppkg with two other heifers averaging 219.94ppkg. Medium weight heifers top 230ppkg and an average of 219.94ppkg. Heavy weight heifers made up to 266ppkg and an average of 222.35ppkg. G Bound & Son, Cefn Bach achieved a top price with his three Limousin heifers weighing 492kg, 539kg and 579kg and topping a price of 266ppkg to 251ppkg. The Briarwood Products Limited Prize of 255 for the highest price £25 for the highest price pence per kilo goes to G

Bound & Son, Cefn Bach. Bound & Son, Cem Bach.
Two Limousin steers presented by Evans Bros,
Tynewydd weighed 459kg
and 433kg and achieved a
price of 214ppkg and
211mpkg

and 433kg and achieveu a price of 214ppkg and 211ppkg.
PRIME LAMBS (5095)
An entry of 5095 prime lambs, achieving an average of 180.74ppkg.
Super Lights (18) to 132ppkg from DW Edwards, Hafod.
Average of 129 83mokg.

Hafod Average of 129.83ppkg.
Lights (577) to 173ppkg from RA Lewis, Ty Gwyn.
Others to 172ppkg from R Evans & Partners, Hafody-foel. Average of 158.16ppkg. Standards (1524) to 212ppkg from MJ Williams, Pontyners of Others to

Pontyperson. Others to 198ppkg from H & R Hughes & Jenkins-Hughes,

Hughes & Jenkins-Hughes, Tynohir. Average of 173.59ppkg.
Mediums (2587) to 205ppkg from DR Owen & Sons, Sandilands Farm. Oth-ers to 201ppkg from NW Owen, Upper Cilhaul. Aver-age of 187.88ppkg Heavies (352) to 196ppkg from AE Casewell, Bodyn-foel. Others to 193ppkg from AE & CA Jones, Groespluan Farm. Average of 188.25ppkg

AL & CA JOHES, Average of 188.25ppkg Over weights (17) to 190ppkg from MJ Bumford, Plas Docyn. Others to 187ppkg from DP Casewell, Tanrhiw. Average of Tanrhiw. Average 120.42ppkg. CULL EWE (3116) of

There were a substantial number of entries this week number of entries this week seeing an average price of £40.55 for the ewes and £51.53 for the rams. Cull ewes topped the sale this week with a price of £109 from WRP Jones, Pant; others reached £103 from AP Morgan, Brynhaul. Rams achieved a top price of £69 from R Roberts Pennant. Weekly sale of cull sheep to follow immediately after the sale of prime lambs at approx 12 noon. STORE EWES AND

STORE EWES AND STORE LAMBS. Store Lambs: An increase entry of 270 Store lambs this week, achieving an average of £55. Theave lambs achieved a top price of £66 from D Faulkner, Penllan Farm. Mixed & Clean lambs achieved a top price of £55.20 from JT & GH Jones, Talerddig farm. Wether

achieved a top price of 255.20 from JT & GH Jones, Talerddig farm. Wether lambs achieved a top price of £57 from JM & A Jones, Wig. Tup lambs achieved a top price of £57 from JM & A Jones, Wig. Tup lambs achieved a top price of £54 also from Mr Jones, Talerddig farm.

Store Ewes: An entry of 230 breeding ewes achieving an average of £113. Yearling ewes achieved a top price of £145 for pure bred Suffolks from Mr Hurdley, Maydene. Texel 2yr old ewes achieved top price of £120 from JC Bumford, Plas Docyn. As found ewes achieved top price of £83 from Ct Davies & Son, Waengwyn.

An entry of 65 Strong Texel Cross Yearlings from WL Harris, Esgairsaeson next week with other entries expected. Sale of store lambs

WL Harris, Esgairsaeson next week with other entries expected. Sale of store lambs to commence 10.30 followed by breeding ewes at 11am.

DAIRY

A mixed entry of dairy cows forward met with a steadier trade also, with many hand sold, never the less leading the way was a cracking heifer from I Roberts, Graig Farm, Llandegla which made £2040. A 2006 born cow from Glanhafren made £1510 whilst a second calver from the same herd has sold for £1610. A Westminster sired heifer presented by VC & W Davies, Garheryr sold for £1600. TT Jones Plas Newydd, sold four bulling heifers to a top price of £735, whilst three young heifers

from the same home sold to £380. A breakdown of the dairy cattle are as follows: £2000+ 1 lot; 1600-1800 2 lots; 1400-1600 2 lots; 1200-

lots; 1400-1600 2 lots; 1200-1400 3 lots; 1000-1200 1 lot; -1000 1 lot. Entries are still invited for the next sales of Store Cattle on August 19 and September 2.

September 2.
Forthcoming Sales:
Monday, August 19, Cows
and Calves and Store Cattle.
Friday, August 23, Welsh
Premier Texel Show.
Saturday, August 24,
Welsh Premier Texel Sale.
Monday, August 26, Dairy
Cows.

Monday, September 2, Organic & Conventional Store Cattle and Weanlings and Cows and Calves.
Wednesday, September 4,
Welsh Premier Beltex Show

Welsh Premier Beltex Show and Sale. Saturday, September 7, Welshpool Machinery Sale – at Welshpool Livestock Mar-ket Monday, September 9, Dainy Cours

Dairy Cows.

Wednesday, September
11, Welsh Mule Ewe Sale. Thursday, September 12, Welsh Mule Ewe Lamb Sale. Monday, September 16, Store Cattle and Cows and

Calves.
Thursday, September 19,
Cann Office Sheep Sale.
Saturday, September 21,
Welsh Hill Speckled Face

Monday, September 23,

Monday, September 23, Dairy Cows. Saturday, September 28, Yearling Ewes, Lleyn Sheep Society Sale, Southdown Sheep Society Sale, Oxford Down Sheep Breeders Sale and Coloured and Native Breeds Sheep Sale Thursday, October 3

Thursday, October 3, Pedigree Ram Sale. Monday, October 7, Multi breed, Non MV Accredited

Oswestry cattle auctions

Wednesday, August 7
FAT CATTLE: (41)
A limited show on offer in terms of numbers and quality. Nevertheless a firmer trade on all types. Trade is less everywhere live and dead so all we can do is fight it out in the live ring to bring it back. Top slots hit 256p for Bulls 246p for Heifers and 195p for steers. Highest price in the lump was £1356 for a bull. Bottom book of 129p for a friesian plain bull. An overall market average of 196p was achieved.
Young Bulls (29) Overall Average 191.5p.
Medium Bulls (12) Average 192p (£985/head) Selling to 256p from J W Jones & Partners Pantglas Isa.
Heavy Bulls (17) Average [91] (£1140/head) Selling to

ners Pantglas Isa. Heavy Bulls (17) Average 191p (£1140/head) Selling to 235p from J W Jones & Part-

ners Pantglas Isa; Steers (3)

Overall Average 191p.
Heavy Steers (3) Average
191p (£1270/head) selling to
195p from G R Jones Cefn

Abertanat Heifers (9) Overall Average

Heifers (9) Overall Average 213p Medium Heifers (4) Aver-age 225p (£1010/head) selling to 240p from I E Roberts & Son Maesdyfnant Heavy Heifers (5) Average 206p (£1220/head) selling to 246p from R J Randles Oak-field

A firmer trade, more cattle needed to satisfy demand. Thank you for your support

FAT LAMBS: (2967) FAT LAMBS: (2967) A very good entry of 2967 fat lambs and 24 hoggetts on Wednesday, August 7. The overall average was 186p/kg. 495 light lambs averaged 181p/kg peaking at 193p/kg for 30kg lambs making £57.80

183p/kg peaking at 208p/kg for 37.5kg lambs making £78 from G R & E W Davies Nanthir. G R & E W Davies peaked the 1202 medium lambs as well at 207p/kg with 43.5kg lambs making £90. Top call of the day was £134 for 61kg lambs.

the day was £134 for 61kg lambs.
Superlights to 173p Lights to 193p average 181p, Standards to 208p average 183p, Mediums to 207p average 189p, Heavys to 197p average 190p, Others to 220p average 195.5p. Overall average 186p. FAT EWES: (1212)
Another good entry forward met with a slightly harder trade yet well in line with other centres.
Overall average was £40 with a top price of £90 for some cracking Suffolks from J H & S E Roberts, Knockin, 21 Rams averaged £43 with a top price of £72 from T T Jones, Llamsilin.
Note: All sheep entering

from E Lloyd & Co Garthiaen. | Note: All sheep entering | 933 standard lambs averaged | market must be tagged.

CALVES: (73)

CALVES: (73)
Fairly good numbers selling to a generally easier trade with only the very best keenly contested. Friesians quite considerably less except the best. British Blue Bulls to £332 from Messrs Elisa Pentre Wern. Charolais Bulls to £332 from Messrs Lewis Crumpsell. Limousin Bulls to £315 & £275 from Messrs Jones Lady-hill. Limousin Heifers to £295 & £268 from Messrs Edwards Lower Sweeney. Saler Heifers & £268 from Messrs Edwards lower Sweeney. Saler Heifers to £310 & £265 from Messrs Jones Manor Farm. Charolais Heifers to £268 from Messrs Lewis Crumpwell. British Blue Heifers to £250 from Messrs Ellis Pentre Wern. Friesian Bulls to £148 from Messrs Morris Coed Cowrhyd £118 & £90 from Messrs Roberts Far Heldre £102 from Messrs Owen Upper Garth £94 from Messrs Evans Wern

E94 From Messis Evans Red.
Farm. Weanlings: Limousin Steers
10mo to £550 Hereford Steers
9mo to £400 & 6mo to £332
from Messrs Savage Glanfeino. Hereford Heifers 5mo to
£330 from Messrs Suckley
Weston Farm

U72 & CULL COWS: (30)

U72 & CULL COWS: (30)
A seasonal entry of cattle
met with an improved trade
although there was a high percentage of plain cows forward.
The good meated cattle were
very dear but the half meated cattle were also especially fast. Top price £1293.60. Top price Cow 152p/kg Heifer 169p/kg Steer 168p/kg Stock Bull 148p/kg Cows

Cows
Charolais to 147p average
141.54p/kg; British Blue to
152p average 140.62p/kg;
Hereford to 126p average
113.91p/kg; Friesian to 146p
average 108.42p/kg
Heifers

Limousin to 168p; Friesian to 152p; Stock Bull to 148p; 30 Cattle average 122.23p/kg.

Record ewe numbers at sale



Records tumbled at Welshpool Livestock Market recently as cull ewe numbers reached 5088. Here Iwan Foulkes is seen selling the cull ewes where they topped is seen selling the £106 per head.







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Three-door Leon keeps up reputation at a sound price

Drive time

FROM very small beginnings SEAT is quickly becoming a serious player in the highly competitive motor industry and the newly launched Leon is the company's first three door

The new Leon went on sale last month and is practical, stylish and easy to drive with a competitive price range of £15,370 to £22,375

The car has been designed to combine the striking road presence of a coupé with the practicality of a family hatchback and is unique from the A-pillars back compared to its five-door namesake.

Sweeping

There's a shorter wheelbase, a slightly lower roofline, a more sloped rear hatch, broader rear shoulders and distinct rear three-quarter windows which SEAT claims demonstrates the brand's 'arrow head' design in its purest form.

I can't help wondering what the costs would be of any repairs to the sweeping rear shoulders which SEAT designers are raving about. They look great but would be a nightmare for the body shop to put

Yes, we all know we are really talking about a Volkswagen, but SEAT is slowly



and surely developing a very solid reputation and after driving the range it's difficult to find a lot wrong with this latest door option.

The most disappointing aspect of this

The Leon sits on the same chassis as the Audi A3 and VW Golf so it's no surprise that it handles well with good body control and steering.

My favourite is the SC FR with a 2-litre

TDi unit with 184PS which benefits from stiffer, lower settings meaning sharper and composed handling.

The problem with most three-door cars

is normally rear space but that's not the case with the Leon. This really is a fiveseater with headroom to spare and you also get the same 380-litre boot as the five

newcomer is in the cabin. I'm normally wittering on about too much technology and too many dials but SEAT have gone for the minimalistic approach and it looks

The Leon has generous specification from base level. Every Leon SC comes with air conditioning, sports-shaped front seats, a colour touchscreen display for the media system, steering wheel mounted audio controls, seven airbags remote central locking, anti-lock brakes SE trim adds, among other things, 16inch alloy wheels, front fog lights with cornering function, cruise control, leather steering wheel and gear knob, XDS electronic differential lock, and hill hold con-

Top-of-the range Leon models come wearing SEAT's iconic FR badge, and only the more powerful engines in the line-up qualify. All FR cars get 17-inch alloy wheels, LED rear lights, dual-zone climate control, dark tinted rear windows, and FR-specific front- and rear bumpers

The Leon also comes with full-LED headlights, which are optional on SE and FR cars providing a powerful light beam that's closer to natural daylight than any other sort of headlamp – a really attractive addition. The 2-litre SC FR is quick with a top

speed of 142mph and 0-62mph in 7.5seconds and you can expect combined fuel figures of 65.7mpg and CO2 emissions of installations. just 112g/km.

The model leaves showrooms at £22,075 but custom paint, a leather pack

and other extras pushed the test car price up to £25,115. Would I buy one? Probably yes, but

SEAT might have to make the cabin a bit more exciting place to make me part with mv money.



Bumper to bumper

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The frugal Civic achieved 66.4 mpg while pulling a caravan

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Green Award at the 2013 Tow Car Awards; as well as beating off stiff competition to be crowned the most fuel efficient model in this year's judging.
The Green Award is based on a combination of

fuel efficiency, low emissions and towing ability. The Civic was independently tested towing a Swift caravan – weighted to 85 per cent of its kerbcaravan – weighted to 85 per cent of its kerb-weight – the maximum weight recommended for secure and stable towing. The no-compromise frugal Civic capably carried out its duties pulling its caravan from 30-60mph in a very respectable 18.7

seconds.
The Tow Car Awards is a joint venture between Practical Caravan, What Car? and The Camping and Caravanning Club, with caravans and technical support supplied by the Swift Group. Each car goes through a series of towing tests at the MIRA

roving ground, including 30-60mph acceleration, 30-0mph braking, a hill start and an emergency lane-change test

The judges particularly singled out the Civic for it's true MPG performance. David Motton, tow car editor, Practical Caravan, said: "Some cars get nowhere near their official fuel economy figures in normal driving, but in independent testing by the What Car? True MPG team the Civic 1.6 i-DTEC achieved 66.4mpg. That makes it the most fuel-

efficient car in this year's tests."

Phil Crossman, managing director at Honda (UK) added: "This award once again confirms the new Civic's status as a fantastic package of power, performance and efficiency. It might be one of the smallest cars which took part in the judging but it's proved to be more than capable at towing while maintaining excellent fuel economy.

Cars aren't just rated for their towing ability.
What Car?'s expert road test team score each car for regular driving, safety, running costs and value technical team check practical details such as boot space, how easily extension mirrors can be fitted, and whether the spare wheel provision is suitable for towing. Forty six cars were tested as part of this year's awards, with the aim of finding cars which are great to tow with, good value and

easy to live with in everyday driving.

The new Civic 1.6 i-DTEC offers a class-leading combination of fuel economy and performance emitting only 94 g/km of CO2 with a powerful 120PS. The debut of the new small diesel engine on the British-built Civic marks an exciting new chapter in the history of Honda diesels. The engine is the first to be launched in Europe under Honda's flagship Earth Dreams Technology environmental programme; offering customers an outstanding balance of high fuel economy, low emissions and exciting performance

Visit www.honda.co.uk/civic to find out more about the Honda Civic range

Honda is making sweet music with the sound of Jazz

Honda has revitalised the popular British built Jazz range with a brand new variant – the ES Plus. The new ES Plus replaces the ES model and boasts a host of extra features including 16in alloy wheels, cruise control, privacy glass, driver's front armrest and leather wrapped steering wheel and gear stick.

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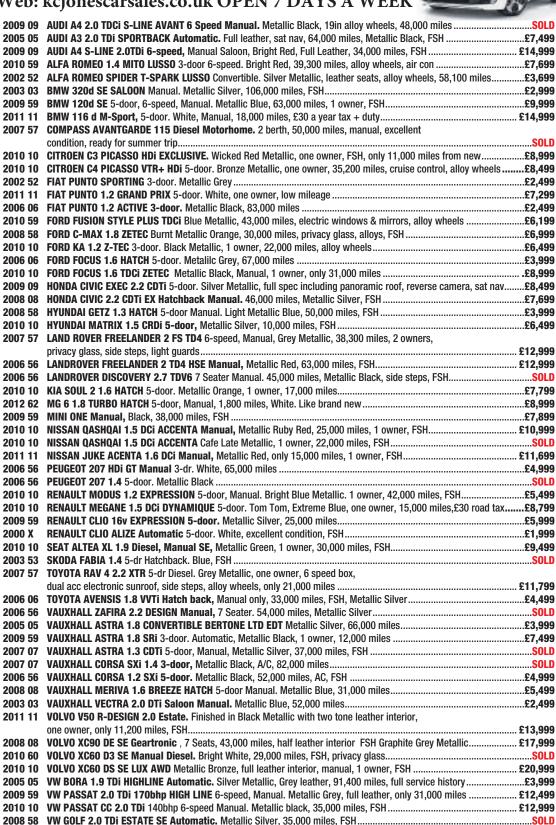
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Whittington E continue to push clear of drop zone

WHITTINGTON E continue to push clear of any basement danger in division three with a closely fought 7-3 home success over Chirk B in which they took the aggregate by just four shots 154-150.

Ann Blake led the way with a 21-15 verdict, while John Harrison and Peter Williams both

won to 17.

Promotion may be out of range, but CHURCH C are looking good for third spot courtesy of their 7-3 (150-132) home win over Overton B, with Wendy Humphreys taking the coppers 21-7 while Roy Jones prevailed 21-11.

Lying second, CRIFTINS C stayed on course for promotion with a closely fought 6-4 (140-128) home win over Plas Kynaston A.

Steve Kynaston took the sweep when running out a 21-8 winner, Neil Edwards came through to 11 and Lenny Jones to 12.

WESTON RHYN C slumped 8-2 at Royston A who were convincing 40 shots (158-110) vic-

A who were convincing 40 shots (158-110) victors, with Roger Pugh (21-13) and Tony Davies getting the responses for the visitors

After their 8-2 loss at their own C team the

previous week, high flying CRIFTINS B stayed six points clear at the top despite their slender 6-4 (137-131) loss at Llangollen A, Dave Poole winning well 21-8 while Andrew Miner was the next best as he prevailed to 14.

ELLESMEER A's title quest in division four suffered another sethed; as they crashed

four suffered another setback as they crashed 8-2 (164-108) at **LLANYMYNECH B** – but

8-2 (164-108) at LLANYMYNECH B – but they remain one point clear at the top. It has been a fluctuating month for the league leaders with some fine wins but also some disappointing losses, and they returned from their trip to Llany well beaten.

from their trip to Llany well beaten.

Their two replies came from Darren
Matthews, who edged a 21-20 victory, and Tony
Johnson with a 21-18 victory.

However, Llany comfortably won the aggregate, helped by an emphatic 21-1 win from
Tony Jones and a 21-4 verdict courtesy of Jack
Worden

ELLESMERE B are breathing down the necks of their own A team after seeing off third placed Fox Lane 8-2, and 35 shots (150-115).

Mike Edwards led the charge with a 21-5 tri-

umph, Beryl Hall also winning 21-9, while Mike Haycocks (21-6) made his mark in reply. WESTON RHYN B, looking to consolidate mid-table, secured a narrow 6-4 (141-138) success over visiting Corwen B, with Pam Manley winning 21-7 and Brenda Ashbrook 21-13.

winning 21-7 and Brenda Ashbrook 21-13.

CHURCH D slipped deeper into the relega-tion mire after crashing 9-1 (161-111) at

LLANFYLLIN A who themselves moved clear of the basement stragglers courtesy of their

Danger

Hugh Jones (21-7) and Sue Samaraweera (21-8) led the charge for Llanfyllin in a dominant display, while Norma Edwards (21-14) provided the lone response for the visitors who

are now 10 points adrift in the drop zone. **LLANRHAEADR** C lost ground on the LANKHAZDA C 1008 ground off the leading pack after coming unstuck 9-1 (157-106) at Llangynog C, with Bill Peel (21-10) securing their lone response.

WHITTINGTON C succumbed 7-3 (156-113) at Ceiriog Valley C, with Philip Pierpoint and Ivor Davies both replying 21-16 and Terri

Isherwood 21-19 Basement side Ye Olde Crofte B revived their hopes of escaping relegation from division five after pulling of a resounding 8-2 (136-11) win at fellow strugglers **WESTON**

Bert Burton led the way with a comfortable 21-3 win, making it 12 victories out of 15 outings this season.

ings this season.

Ted Lewis and Geoff Thomas also came through to six while Malcolm Davies (21-1) and Ian Watts (21-9) responded with two good single figure wins.

Despite the win, Ye Olde Crofte are still at

the foot of the the table, but are now just one point adrift of Weston Rhyn, and within five points of WHITTINGTON D who are third bottom.

Whittington remain deep in danger after being toppled 8-2 at high flying Bersham, who took the aggregate by 159-111 shots.

Alicia Hardie (21-16) and Meirion Davies (21-17) were the two replies for the visitors, while Rita Moira was edged out to 20.

LLANRHAEADR D cemented their posi-

tion at the top of division six after securing a slender 6-4 success at Johnstown E.Their was little between the sides, infact the shots fin-ished all square on 130-130, but the league leaders shaded the verdict.

Steve Fox took the coppers when running out 21-7, his 11th win in 12 outings, while Merf Williams (21-8) was another good single figure winner

CRIFTINS D, in second, lost ground after losing 7-3 (141-119) at LLANFYLLIN B who bounced back from their 10-0 beating at the hands of Llanrhaeadr the previous week.

Tony Birch and Meirion Jones were 21-6 winners for Llanfyllin while Billy Jones (21-14)

Lying third bottom, CHURCH E boosted their hopes of steering clear of the basement places with a convincing 8-2 (156-108) success at home to Llangynog B, with Jan Cama win-ning 21-3 and Hilary Carter 21-8.

LLANYMYNECH C saw off WESTON RHYN E 6-4 (144-125) with Dean Roberts winning to five and Joan Roberts 21-12.

Defending

champion is through to the final

THE second and last qualifier for this year's Lakeside Club Championship was held with the competitors continuing to produce excellent results.

This qualifier, which also doubled up as the monthly medal, saw defending champion Marius Van Lill return a scintillating five over par gross 73 to secure a place in

gross 73 to secure a place in the finals.

Consistent low handicap-

per Joe Davies took runner-up spot with a very handsome gross 76, just edg-ing Leon Duvalier into third

ing Leon Duvalier into third spot on the count back. The Monthly Medal Nett competition saw Leon Duva-lier (14) card a superb six under par nett 62. The young and fast improving George Davies (16) was tight on his heels with a fine five under 63. just edging Alan

under 63, just edging Alan Russon (19) into third place

Russon (19) into third place on the count back.
Round 19 of this year's nine- hole Summer League also took place with Steve Owen (18) carding an excellent 21 stableford points, pushing Chris Jones (12) into second spot on the count back. Phil Lewis (20) tidied up the podium position with a fine 20 point returnThe gross division was won by Chris Jones, with past captain Doug Anderson second.

League tables Oswestry Bowling League

W	L	D Agg Pts				
12	6	0+469116				
11	5	2+376110				
11	7	0 -14 94				
10	8	0 +53 92				
9	8	1+31 92				
8	9	1 - 153 91				
10	7	1 +24 89				
9	9	0 -28 89				
6	12	0 -88 83				
8	9	1 - 147 81				
5	12	1 - 152 77				
5	12	1-371 66				
DIVISION 4						
W	L	D Agg Pts				
14	4	0+659128				
	5	0+769127				
12	6	0+284110				
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Corwen B17	9	8	0+161 92			
	10	7	0 +83 92			
Ceiriog Valley C17	9	8	0 -17 85			
Llanrhaeadr C18	8	10	0 -44 85			
Llangynog C18	9	9	0 - 250 81			
Llanfyllin A17	7	10	0 - 197 76			
Weston Rhyn B18	7	11	0 - 259 74			
Church D18	6	12	0 - 357 64			
Whittington C18	2	16	0 -832 45			
DIVISI	ON	5				
P	W	L	D Agg Pts			
Bersham18	18	0	0+955149			
Ruabon B17	15	2	0+761130			
Chirk AAA C18	10	8	0 +94 97			
Cynwyd B18	10	8	0 +87 92			
Llanrhaeadr B17	9	6	2+19 92			
Plas Kynaston B18	8	9	1 - 212 84			
Overton C18	8	10	0 - 220 83			
Royston B18	7	11	0 -87 75			
Johnstown F18	7	11	0 - 333 70			
Whittington D18	4	13	1 - 236 69			
Weston Rhyn D18	5	13	0 - 423 65			
Ye Olde Crofte B18	4	14	0 -405 64			
DIVISION 6						

Overton C18	8	10	0 - 220 83			
Royston B18	7	11	0 -87 75			
Johnstown F18	7	11	0 - 333 70			
Whittington D18	4	13	1 - 236 69			
Weston Rhyn D 18	5	13	0 - 423 65			
Ye Olde Crofte B18	4	14	0 - 405 64			
DIVISION 6						
P	W	L	D Agg Pts			
Llanrhaeadr D14	11	3	0+250 90			
Criftins D13	8	5	0+144 73			
Llanrhaeadr E13	7	6	0 +13 72			
Weston Rhyn E14	6	8	0 - 117 66			
Llanfyllin B14	7	6	1 -73 65			
Llanymynech C 13	7	6	0 +43 64			
Church E13	5	7	1 +43 61			
Llangynog B13	3	10	0-134 54			

Oswestry Bowling								
League								
DIVISION 7 (VETERANS)								
	P.	W	L Agg	Pts				
Weston Rhyn A	16	12	4+511	90				
Chirk AAA	16	10	6+398	87				
Whittington B	16	10	6 -28	78				
Llanymynech	16	11	5 -37	76				
Overton A		9	7 +51	75				
Llangynog	16	7	9 +64	73				
Church Club A	16	6	10 -24	71				
Royston	16	6	10 -198	63				
Ceiriog Valley	16	4	12 -308	56				
Weston Rhyn B	16	5	11 -429	51				
DIVISION 8 (VETERANS)								
	P	W	L Agg	Pts				
Flexsys		14	2+861	111				
Llangollen	16	14	2+710	106				
Llanrhaeadr A	16	10	6+269	82				
Y O Crofte	16	8	8 +49	73				
Cynwyd A	15	9	6 +81	70				
Cynwyd B	16	6	10 -142	68				
Church Club B	16	6	10 -321	55				
Whittington A	15	5	10 -383	52				

Liany boost survival hopes by hammering Flexsys 9-1

division one took a significant turn with Llanymynech easing their relegation concerns with a timely 9-1 hammering of Flexsys A.

Their 28-shot victory took Llany clear of the drop zone by 11 points, after basement rivals WESTON RHYN A suffered a damaging 9-1 (167-120) beating at

fellow strugglers Overton A.

The contrasting midweek fortunes mean that Rhyn are now bottom of the table – just behind Overton on shots – and facing a mountain to climb in their final three games if they are to avoid a quick return to division two.

However, the only positive is that their two relegation rivals have a tougher run-in to season, with their final

to season, with their inai matches against the divi-sion's leading sides. For Llany, however, the picture is looking far rosier after they bounced back from a 9-1 loss at Criftins A

from a 9-1 loss at Criftins A
the previous week with
nine precious points themselves on Tuesday night.
Mark Kirkham led the
way taking the coppers 216 with his 12th win in 17
outings, while Henry Pugh
was a 21-12 winner as Llany wrapped up the shots 153-125.

Handy

Weston Rhyn, who had boosted their hopes of escaping the bottom two places with a fine 6-4 victory over high-flying Ceiriog Valley A the previ-Cefriog Valley A the previ-ous week, were brought down to earth with a hefty 9-1 loss at a struggling Overton side who bowled their green well. Derek Taylor was the only winner for the visitors when edging his game 21-20, while Richard Oakley and Andrew Riley went close before los-ing to 18 and 17 respectively. WHITTINGTON A stayed on ourse for a top six

whittington A stayed on course for a top six finish as they saw off visiting Corwen A 8-2, although just three shots separated the sides (142-139).

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Despite suffering two single figure defeats, the home side secured a handy success with Brian Sinker prevailing 21-11 and skipper Aled Davies continuing his good season with a 21-13 verdict his 13th win in 17 appear-

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 A stirring fightback just

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 were edged out 6-4 at home

BOWLS by John **Bridgwater**

to CRIFTINS A, losing the aggregate by one shot, to remain in the lower reaches of the table

of the table.
Church had trailed 4-0
after the first four, but won
the next four with captain
Travis Stokes leading the
way with a 21-9 response
while Steve Williams prevailed 21-12, his 13th success in 16 outputs cess in 16 outings.

Dave Jones and Adrian Humphreys were the other winners, but last season's champions Criftins just did

champions Crittins just and enough to secure the shots by one. Ron Crooke was their best winner to 10. Glyn Ceiriog A are now three points clear at the top after their 8-2 (158-119) home beating of Johnstown

home beating of Johnstown
A, while Ruabon A kept up
the pressure in second, also
with an 8-2 (156-103) win
over visiting Chirk A.
LLANRHAEADR A's promotion quest in division two
faded despite overcoming
lowly Johnstown C 6-4 (155132) on home soil.
Honing for a more size-

Hoping for a more sizeable victory, they now find themselves in third, six points behind second placed Cynwyd A who were emphatic 9-1 winners over promotion rivals YE OLDE CROFTE A.

Mel Roberts (21-8) took the sweep for Llanrhaeadr, while Rob Jones (21-9) pro-vided another good single figure win, and the guesting

Gwynfor Hughes won to 12.

GEORGE, looking to stay in sight of the leading pack, notched a slender 6-4 home win over Llangollen A, in which they took the paid by which they took the spoils by just seven shots (144-137). Peter Corfield took the coppers with his 21-8 success and Phil Laker won to 12.

Johnstown B are 11 points clear at the top after sweeping aside Llangynog A 10-0, taking the aggregate 10-0, by 71.

BLACK LION were host-ing CHURCH B last night (wed) with the two sides looking to cement their posi-tion in the top half of the second division table, while basement side WHITTING-TON B were out to revive their fortunes at Johnstown

Fixtures

• Leading fixtures for Tuesday, August 20. Div One: Corwen A v Ceiriog Valley A, Chirk A v Church A, Johnstown A v Llanymynech A, Cri-ftins A v Overton A, Flexsys A v Ruabon A, Weston Rhyn A v Whit-tington A.

Div Two: Llangollen A v Black Lion, Church B v

George, Whittington B v Johnstown D, Llangynog A v Johnstown D, Ye Old Crofte A v Llanrhaeadr

Youngsters make most of league



Some of the young footballers who enjoyed the Kidz League second week

THE second week of the 'Kidz League' has started and there where a number of teams at Under 10's, 11's and 12's competing in 15 minute small sided games.

All of the players participating in the 'Summer Soccer Special' were more than happy to turn up and play the beautiful

game, with no pressure from outside influences and despite the friendly atmosphere the boys seemed to be playing for the

the boys seemed to be playing for the bragging rights.
Craig Edwards runs the 'Kidz League' and he was quick to highlight the incredible sportsmanship that all of the boys had displayed.
"The agrees were played with great

"The games were played with great sportsmanship. We hoped for players both

sportsmanship. We hoped for players both new and old to take part in the League and have an experience of playing.
"All of the children played with a smile on their face which was great to see," he said. The Community Football Foundation Officer was also eager to point out that the League is all about fun.
"The boys had fun in a a stress free environment. We are also happy that we can show that the club can cater for players of different ability and that TNS can provide everyone with an opportunity to showcase everyone with an opportunity to showcase their talents." During the first day of the sec-

ond week, eight matches were played. Game 1 score was 4-1 and the scorers were, home, Mackenzie Wadeson, Matt Tunnadine and Liam Rawlings, 2, and away was Rhys Stanhope.

Game 2 finished 1-3 with Luke Wicks the home scorer and Ryan McVeagh, Callum

home scorer and Ryan McVeagh, Callum Evans & Louie Millington the away scorers. The Game 3 score was 2-5 and the home scorers were Rhys Stanhope & Archie Adams while Owain Brand, Lewis Filmer, James Burrows & Robert Johnson, 2, were away scorers.

Game 4 finished 1-8 with Liam Rawlings scoring the home goal and Callum Evans, 3, Louie Millington,3, and Ryan McVeagh, 2, scoring for the away side.

Game 5 was close finishingh 4-3. Scorer for the home said were Robert Johnson,

for the home said were Robert Johnson, Owain Brand & James Burrows 2 with Ben

Owain Brand & James Burrows 2 with Ben Darlington 2 & Matt Tunnadine netting for the away side.

Game 6 ended 0-3 with: Ryan McVeagh, 2, & Louie Millington scoring.

Game 7 was 2 - 1 with Lewis Filmer & Ben Darlington scoring for the home side and James Burrows for tha away team.

The away side won Game 8 with a 2-0 result and both goals were scored by Ryan McVeagh. McVeagh.

Anderson second.

The club championships will take place this Saturday with a full field of qualifiers vying for glory in both gross and nett championship divi-

Golf returns

OSWESTRY Golf Club

OSWESTRY Golf Club Ladies Invitation, Tuesday, August 6.1 Elsa Gwilt & Issy Brisbourne 40 pts (on countback), 2 Marie Male & Karen Thaw 40 pts, 3 Tania Pearce & Hilary Fowles 40 pts, 4 Margaret Evans & Pisettle 38 pts, 5 Anne Davies & Gay Tame 37 pts.
August Seniors Open: 1 John Hewett & Ray Jones 45 pts, 2 Carl Manning & Chris Griffiths 41 pts (on countback), 3 M Carr & P Donaway 41 pts, 4 R Whitworth & D Peak 41 pts, 5 Maurice Bishton & Rob Webb 41pts, 6 Dave Woosnam & Brian Rees 40pts.

Ifton in hard fought win but still lying third from bottom

BATTLING to steer clear of basement danger in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League, lifton were made to fight all the way before getting back to winning ways with an 8-6 home win against fellow strugglers Bylet, taking the aggregate by just six shots (225-219).

The St Martins side still languish third from bottom, so will be keen to return with a healthy haul of winners in Friday night's trip to Wrockwardine Wood who lie just a few places above. "The problem is that

we've been struggling to get a team," said captain Dicky Jones. "We had hoped for a double figure win

against Bylet who were below us in the table. But we were so short last week that my son Nick, who has a broken collar bone, had to play left handed, but still

"It's going to be close, but hopefully we can do enough to stay up in the coming weeks." Leighton Roberts took his team's most valuable player honour against Bylet

as he breezed to a 21-6 victory over Kevin Brazier – the only single figure win of the night for the hosts. Skipper Dicky Jones also won well to 14 and Brian Hayes to 15, while there were several hard-fought

encounters.

Andrew Pearce prevailed 21-18 while there was little in it as Megis Phillips and Geraint Williams both squeezed home to 20, while Darren Lacey lost to 20.

Two nights before, liton suffered a disappointing 10-4 (222-205) defeat at home

to in-form Sir John Bayley who showed to in-form Sir John Bayley who showed their worth with a number of players leading the averages. Generally, Ifton's home form is strong, but they were undone by their visitors despite Andrew Armstrong taking his team's most valuable player honour with a 21-10 success.

Geraint Williams also won 21-11, Mike Hughes 21-13 and Darren Lacey 21-20, but there was little joy elsewhere with Keiran Roberts being shaded 21-20 and Brian Hayes losing to 19.

Last fixture ends in loss OSWESTRY Tennis Club's men's first team lost their final

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's men's first team lost their final fixture of the season by a five game margin after their home encounter to high flying Hammer ended in a draw at two rubbers all. The hosts first pair of Gary Edwards and Simon Jackson struggled with the windy conditions and lost to a strong opposing first pair 1-6, 3-6.

The second pair of Stephen Mosford and Matt Grice were in fine form as they beat the opposing second pair convincingly 6-0, 6-4. In the reverse rubbers, Mosford and Grice also lost in straight sets to the first pair 1-6, 0-6, but Edwards and Jackson were able to take their rubber against the second pair 6-2, 6-4. After a shaky start to the season the team finished mid table and therefore managed to avoid relegation with comfort. relegation with comfort.

SPORT

Welshpool look good to move off the bottom

BATTLING Welshpool II kept alive their hopes of lifting themselves off the bottom of the reserve division one after pulling off a 45-run win over Alberbury II at Maesydre.

An unbeaten 52 from skipper Dale Evans helped shore up the innings, opener Dan Chodecki also making a useful 38 before Pool fell away for 128 all out.

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Consistent bowling throughout the Welshpool attack then skittled Alberbury for just 83 in reply, Rupert Redway picking up 3-12, Steve Monk 3-17 and Jonathan Penrose 2-14.
GUILSFIELD found Newport too hot to handle as they slumped to an eight wicket defeat at the hands of the division four leaders.
Contribution

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Put in to bat, they were bowled out for 180 in the 38th over, with only three players getting into double figures – two of whom hit half centuries.

half centuries.
Daniel Brown made 51
and Roger Davies 50, while
the only other contribution
of note came from opener
David Harris, with 26, while
Farroog Musbashir took five
wickets.

Morda Road.

Fynn

and Warrick Fynn 4-38 after spin was introduced into the

with 34 as Oswestry chased down their total, although a

mini-collapse saw them slip from 62-1 to 67-4.

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Miles (33) and Scott Hale
(23no) steadied the ship
with a stand of 53 which
took Oswestry to the brink
of victory before Miles was
caught on the boundary.
Hale duly hit a four
through the covers to clinch
Oswestry's ninth 24-point
haul of the season.
Things got even better for

then top-scored

In reply, Newport eased to their target for the loss of just two wickets to cement their position at the top of the table, Ed Fowler making

the table, Ed Fowler making 55 not out.
High-flying WELSH-POOL III suffered a setback as they slipped to three wicket loss to Alberbury III in division six.
Dave Lewis top scored with 34 and skipper Matthew Knight made 24 as Pool were dismissed for 129.
Allan Edward Williams then nabbed 4-36 off 14 overs to give the league leaders hope in reply, but Alber-

ers hope in reply, but Alberbury edged over the line. Keiran Evans also picked up

No stopping Knockin in their race for the title

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY maintained their strangle-hold at the top of division two despite having to settle for a winning draw at Wellington III.

Wellington III.
Solid batting throughout saw them post 215-7 from 45 overs, the prolific Steven Gray continuing his excellent campaign with a top score of 57 while Gary Darlington made 40 and opener pair Jak Jones (26) and Richard Williams (29) also chipped in for the league leaders.
Knockin then picked

Knockin then picked Knockin then picked wickets at regular intervals, but Wellington managed to hold out on 178-8 at the close with Chris Shepherd top scoring on 47, while opener Patrick Howells (31) also retired hurt. Matty Evans picked up 4-46.

KNOCKIN & KINNER-LEY II's promotion bid in the reserve division two stumbled as they surprisingly went down by seven wickets at home to lowly Albrighton II.

Put in, they were sent back for 124, falling away after a solid start from Bluey Thomas (21) and Edward Nicholas (30), with Darren Shimmons (5-29) doing the damage.

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Suhail Anwar then led
Albrighton home inside 29
overs with 59 at the top of
the order, leaving Knockin
15 points adrift of second

Cae Glas promotion push gets a boost Struggling Monty are

Oswestry power ahead with

a thumping five wicket win

took the only two wickets as Cannock replied with 87-2. A century stand between Jack Harris and Dominic Bright laid the foundations for OSWESTRY III's win-ning draw against Shifnal III at Morda Road in the Shropshire League division three on Sunday.

three on Sunday. Harris hit 66 and Bright

45 as Oswestry reached 202-9 in a match reduced to 35 overs a side.

overs a side.

Openers Simon Rumble
(53) and Martin Moreton
(52) got the Shifnal reply off
to a flying start, but once
Adam Woodcock (3-34) and
James Bradbury (2-23)
made a breakthrough, the
innings faltered. Shifnal
ended up on 156-6

ended up on 156-6. OSWESTRY IV returned

OSWESTRY IV returned to winning ways in the reserve division three with a 14-run success against Much Wenlock in a home fixture which was switched to Over-ton CC.

Format Alex Roberts was top scorer for the second week running as his 32 helped Oswestry to 167-9. Paul Baker added 28 on

his first appearance of the season. Wenlock were soon

toiling on 15-4 in reply, and a comfortable Oswestry win

was dismissed by Alex Roberts.
The innings ended at 153 all out, with Iwan Roberts taking 3-21, Nick Woodcock 2-10 and Dan Renwick 2-29.

Oswestry will be look-ing to stretch their lead still

ing to stretch their leads the further this Saturday when they take on Coventry and North Warwickshire at Morda Road. Birmingham League games now revert to the "win or lose" 50-over format for the rest of the

season. The other three Oswestry

sides are all away from home, with the Seconds vis-

iting Brewood Seconds, the Thirds at Chelmarsh and

the Fourths at Iscoyd and Fenns Bank Seconds.

looked on the cards. But a hard-hitting 65 by Oscar Lowe put his side back in the hunt before he was dismissed by Alex

CAE GLAS kept their promotion push on the boil in division three after seal-ing another comfortable win, this time a nine wicket success at lowly Acton Reynald.

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Winning the toss and inserting the hosts on a slow pitch, third placed Glassoon struck with two early wickets for the in-form Tom Gardner (2-28) before

the in-form Tom Gardner (2-28) before a dogged defensive effort from the Reynald middle order.

The field was set perfectly to restrict any free hitting as first Ruch Nimantha (2-26) and then Kyle Marsh (2-20) removed the lower order as Reynald closed on 143-9 in 45 overs, with a fine one handed catch from Ian Holgate one of the features of the day.

The Glas made steady progress early

on in their run chase, but once they got used to the slow pitch they accumulated runs quickly. Opener Andy Griffiths carried his bat for a second half century in two weeks with an unbeaten 56 not out, Holgate chipped in with 28 and Nick Morris smashed 33 not out as the Glas won by nine wickets with 12 overs to spare.

Important

After suffering a disappointing losing draw the previous week, a third wicket partnership of 81 proved crucial as CAE GLAS II returned to winning ways to maintain their promotion interest in the reserve division three with a four wicket win over Acton Reynald II at Gatacre. Reynald were asked

painfully slow run-rate. At drinks, Cae Glas stood at 25-2, Steve France (2-17) having bowled seven maidens in a row for the visitors.

The short break proved its worth and, with wickets in hand and bowling

changes at both ends, Pete Bowyer (30) and Russ Turner (56) took the game to the opposition until their partnership ended with the score on 103.

Target

Three more quick wickets for visiting skipper Richard MacInnes-Manby (3-30) created a little concern in the home dressing room, but, in the end, they comfortably reached their target with more than nine overs remaining the called 10 resides.

staring at relegation STRUGGLING Mont-gomery slipped into the bas-ement places in the Shropshire League division one after being dealt an eight wicket defeat at For-ten

eight wicket defeat at Forton.

Put in to bat, they started well enough with Stan Davies hitting 10 fours in his 47 and Caspar Mould making 23 but, despite 30 from Richard Powell later on, they could only muster 160-9 from their 50 overs, Chris Sayers taking 4-51.

Forton had few problems in reaching their target for the loss of two wickets in the 37th over, Anthony Barrett finishing 58 not out. Defeat sees Monty in the bottom two, with local rivals Welshpool edging out of the drop

pool edging out of the drop zone by one point despite their 100-run loss at Alber-

their 100-run loss at Alberbury.

It was a grim day for MONTGOMERY II who were skittled for just 48 in their eight wicket loss to Beacon II in the reserve division two. Jake Wilkinson (18) was one of the few Monty batters to provide any resistance as Brynley Little bagged 5-4.

Mike Williams took 2-21 in reply as the bowlers made Beacon work for the runs in 21 overs, but there was realistically no chance of defending such a modest total.

League tables

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DIVISION 1



Frankton bowler George Dickin in action during the narrow loss to Bowmere Heath

run loss to Bomere Heath at Hardwitch
Park.

Opting to bowl first, all rounder Parry
ran through the innings with 7-37 off
12.3 overs, George Dickin also taking a
couple of early wickets while keeper
Ross Bladen claimed four victims
behind the stumps.
Bomere's all out total of 154 in the
43rd over looked within reach, but the
hosts suffered a disastrous start with a
succession of early wickets to find
themselves 45-7.

They looked to be heading for an
emphatic defeat but No8 Parry then
showed his worth with the bat, cracking
an undefeated 67 in a real captain's performance.

formance.

Jacob Northwood (17) added some patient support at the other end for the ninth wicket to take his side to within sight of victory, but Frankton fell short on 139 in just 28 overs, Sam Bloor finishing with 6-58 for the visitors.

FRANKTON II remain well clear at the

top of the reserve division two despite their five wicket loss at Willey II. Put in to bat, the leaders could only muster 120 all out in the 39th over following several careless shots, and Willey timed their reply well to get home for the loss of half their side.

of hair their side. Lloyd Phillips (25) top scored for Frankton, with Anton Gunter taking 3-38 from 15 overs before hitting 74 to take

Willey to their target, despite a patient
15 over spell from Stu Lammie.
Promotion chasing WHITTINGTON
stayed hard on the heels of the top two
in division five after clinching a seven
wicket win over neighbours FRANKTON
Ill who have now suffered three straight

losses.

A maiden century for the club from Gareth Owen, who was out for exactly 100, had helped Frankton to a competitive 195-4 in 45 overs, with good support from Dave Whitticase (20), while Martin Ellis took 4-32.

Whittington paced their reply per-

ems took 4-32.
Whittington paced their reply perfectly, with opener Martin Ellis (53no) the anchor while Rob Morris cracked 91 to provide the impetus. Left armer Greg Dyke took 2-29.

Oswestry were bowled out for just 86, with no batsman reaching 20. Paul Phillips came closest with 19, while Ian Davies Things got even better for Mark Robinson's side when news filtered through that their two closest rivals, **Ellesmere boost** hopes of survival with victory over basement side

ELLESMERE boosted fours in his unbeaten 47, their hopes of survival in the Shropshire League division two after claiming a five wicket win over basement side Llanid-

loes.
Put in to bat, Llani were soon on the back foot with opener James Denham bowled for a duck but a number of useful contributions helped them claw their way to 154-9 in 40 overs.
That respectable total was largely due to an unbeaten 31 from No11 batsman Ryan Jones, while earlier Jo Pritchard top scored with 33 and five other players

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reached double figures.

Joe Austin was the most successful of the bowlers with 3-28 off eight overs, while Graeme Cowey bagged 2-28 and Ashley Thomas 2-52

Ellesmere then steady progress towards their target, getting home with nine overs to spare with Adam Lewis hitting two sixes and four fours in his 31 and Lee Thomas eight

Birmingham Cricket League Division Two after their bowlers proved too hot to handle in a comfortable five-wicket win over Attock at

With pace ace Jonathan Miles unable to bowl because of a foot injury, Paul Robinson and Joe Carrasco formed the opening attack – and they soon had the

visitors in trouble.

Robinson dismissed danger man Mohammed Qamar Khan, the division's leading run scorer, for a duck, and the Attock batsmen never looked comfortable.

They were eventually bowled out for 121, with Carrasco taking 3-32, Robinson 2-38,

Stourbridge and Old Elizabethans, had both lost.
It was a different story for OSWESTRY II, however, as they crashed to an eightwicket defeat at Cannock II in the Birminghan League

in the Birmingham League division two 2nd XI (North).

CRICKET

by John **Bridgwater**

fours in his unbeaten 47, while Ashley Thomas chipped in with 27.

The Llani bowlers stuck to their guns with Pritchard the standout with 3-47 off 12 overs, but victory now sees the Meresiders leap clear of the basement places with five games remaining.

Opener

ELLESMERE II emerged crushing 134-run winners over rock bottom Llanidloes II to maintain their promotion interest in division six, dismissing their Mid Wales hosts for a paltry 71 in reply after posting 205-4 in 40 overs

overs. Opting to bat first, they profited with opener Nigel Davies hitting 42 and Jordan Evans 67, while Mike Doyle weighed in with 30 and skipper James Harrison 31 not out.

Llani, who were sent back for 81 the previous week, fared even worse as they were downed for 71 in the 25th over, and it would have been a lot less had it not

been a lot less had it not been for Ed Owen's 48.

Skipper's heroics fail to get Frankton home



SKIPPER Jordan Parry fired a seven wicket haul and a half century for Frankton – but still finished on the losing side as the Shropshire League premier division newcomers suffered a narrow 15-run loss to Bomere Heath at Hardwick



MORDA UNITED pictured before their 3-2 victory against Prees in the opening game of the new season. Back row, left to right, manager Craig Rogers, Mike Lloyd, lan Heathcock, Paul Hughes, Kieran Hunt, Sam Litchfield, Shawn Melussi,Dave Davies (Physio). Front ro,w from left, Dave Hughes, Jay Woodward, Elliot Howes, Shaheen Miah, Joe Coulson, Dean Graham and Tom Coulson

Coulson's injury time penalty seals opening day win for Morda United

AN injury time penalty from Tom Coulson saw Morda United edge a battling opening dominated the early play but neither day 3-2 win against newly promoted Prees in the Mercian Regional League premier found the net on 20 minutes only to see the

division.

In a stuttering start to the season, the Weston Road side kept their cool, twice coming from behind through lan Heathcock and Shawn Melussi before securing victory courtesy of Coulson's stoppage time spot kick.

Morda, who ended last season third in the premier division, opened their new campaign against a Prees side, promoted as third in the first division with four new signings.

signings.

Kieran Hunt replaced the departed Sam
Jones in goal while midfielder Sam Litchfield joined from neighbours Weston Rhyn.
Also returning to the club after spells

found the net on 20 minutes only to see the goal discounted for offside.

Heathcock just failed to reach a long ball before Melussi was denied a penalty for what appeared to be a trip.

Gradually the visitors gained confidence and came more into the game but debutant keeper Hunt showed his skills, first tipping the ball over for a corner before making a good block at the near post.

Straight after the break Shaheen Miah, who impressed at left back for the hosts, went close with a shot on the run.

However, it was Press who opened the

However, it was Press who opened the scoring when a corner from Bob Winstone caused confusion at the near post and Dan Blackhurst was on hand to fire home.

Morda nearly hit back when Litchfield

saw a shot from outside the box tipped over the bar by Prees keeper Will Hopkins. But Heathcock was not to be denied on the hour when holding off his defender before shooting neatly after an accurate through ball from Miah. Dan Blackhurst then put Prees back in front when chipping Hunt to claim his second goal midway through the half but eight minutes from time the alert Shawn Melussi levelled the scores.

In a dramatic finish, a stoppage time trip on Heathcock gave Morda the chance to secure a late winner, and battling midfielder Coulson duly obliged by making no mistake from the spot.

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Morda now have a run of three succes-sive away fixtures starting last night (Wednesday) when they made the short journey to Weston Rhyn. On Saturday they are at Wellington Amateurs reserves.

playing girls

TO celebrate Wales hosting this year's UEFA Women's European Under-19 compe-tition in West Wales,

tition in West Wales, Llansantffraid Youth Development are getting into the spirit and bringing a little football fever home thanks to the FAW Vauxhall Fun Football programme.

The European Championship is seen as a great opportunity to encourage more girls to play football and produce the next generation of female footballers. In partnership with the

ation of female footballers.

In partnership with the FAW and Vauxhall, Llansantffraid Village Youth will be hosting a soccer camp to provide girls the opportunity to play and enjoy the game amongst friends.

Taking place at Llansantffraid's Recreation Ground on Thursday and Friday, August 22 and 23, the camps are an ideal opportunity for girls of all abilities to play the game in a safe, learning environment.

The camps will consist of

The camps will consist of skill practises and small sided games.

sided games.

Llansantffraid Village
Youth follow the FAW's
strict guidelines to ensure
the highest levels of coaching and child safeguarding
are maintained.

The academy's head coach
Mike Digwood said: "To celebrate Wales hosting their
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first ever European championship tournament, we are inviting girls from Undereight to Uunder-15 to come along at a cost of only £5 per day and share in the excitement of our very own event.

"There will be certificates for all participants at the end of the two days. We think it's crucial that we encourage these youngsters and nurture their talent."

Wales Women's National Team Manager, Jarmo Matikainen said: "These soccer camps are a great

soccer camps are a great opportunity for the girl's to be introduced to football. I

TNS ladies slump to a 5-2 defeat

Thomas in switch to Llanidloes

"With Jamie Breese also agreeing to stay, we now have two of the best strikers

Breese underlined his scoring potential with four goals as Llani defeated Machynlleth 6-2 in the Charity Cup in aid of April Jones at their Victoria Avenue ground, with Thomas weighing in with a

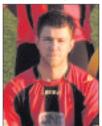
Newly-formed Villa are off Two days of fun on offer for football to flyer with winning start

Report by John Bridgwater

NEWLY-formed Oswestry Villa launched their campaign in the Mercian Regional League division one in winning style with a 5-2 hammering of Shawbury reserves at St Martins.

A hat-trick from Dave Hartshorn put the visitors to the sword as the season finally got underway for Villa – although they would reflect they should have scored more.

A bright start was capped off with two goals inside 10 minutes, first a good passing move saw Kyle Wilson open the scoring and then Adam Jones found Hartshorn who cut in from



Tom Stedman hit a hat-trick for Oswestry Town

hit by home defeat

WESTON Rhyn, looking to avoid any basement alarms this term, suffered a 2-0 loss at home to Telford Juniors in their first action of the new Mercian Regional League premier

released Wilkinson who slotted past Davies in goal

ring and then Adam Jones found Hartshorn who cut in from the left before chipping into the net.

The hosts went off the boil as Shawbury's midfield began to get stuck in, but Villa made it three at the break when Ash Dallow turned a defender before rifling his angled shot into the net.

Shawbury pulled one back after the interval from the penalty spot, but this livened up the hosts with Hartshorn skipping past three players before rolling the ball into the net for his second of the game and his side's fourth.

From kick off Shawbury went forward and pulled one back but Villa, who rattled the bar and saw a couple of efforts cleared off the line, had the last word when Harshorn completed his treble.

Another new name this season are FC OSWESTRY

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Another new name this season are FC OSWESTRY TOWN, and they also started in fine fashion with an 8-2 romp at newly formed Shrewsbury United.

Town started brightly and within the first five minutes striker Ben Williams hit the bar with a good first time strike. But it did not take long before they bagged their first goal when defender Matt Williams volleyed home from the edge of the box and a seend soon followed with

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a second soon individed with a great finish from Tom Stedman after some good work down the right from new signing Stu Johnson. Midway through the half, Stedman again got on the scoresheet with a sublime left foot finish

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Town were now looking Town was left back kurt Smith who added the fourth with a powerful header from a corner.

A one-sided first half was completed when Ben Williams smashed home from close rapper to give the from close range to give the visitors a 5-0 lead.

Offside

term, suffered a 2-0 loss at nome to renord furiors in their first action of the new Mercian Regional League premier division campaign.

Second half goals from Daniel Lowry and Nathan Wilkinson gave last year's runners up the spoils, but it was a promising Rhyn performance without any reward.

In a first half of few chances, the hosts went close on 12 minutes when Gwyn Davies headed wide from Chris Bishop's right wing cross while at the other end on 27 minutes, a strike from Lowry was held above his head by keeper Anthony Davies.

However, Telford took the lead seven minutes before half time when Louis Jones' through ball found Lowry who cut inside and rounded keeper Davies before slotting home from 10 yards. Early in the second half, Bishop fired just wide from the edge of the box after Guy Guilford's free kick had been headed out, while the visitors went close when Daniel Hickling's header clipped the top of the bar.

Hickling was then denied by keeper Davies before Telford made it 2-0 six minutes from time as sub Maculey Pugh released Wilkinson who slotted past Davies in goal. Early in the second half, United managed to beat the offside trap and pull a goal back but, with the introduction of Spanish youngster Ricardo Galan, Town restored their five goal cushion as Galan's great wing work saw Ben Williams smash home from five yards. Again United beat the offside trap to pull yet another goal back, but the visitors responded again as man-of-the match Stedman crashed the ball home to complete

the ball home to complete his hat-trick.

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The scoring was completed late on when captain Ollie Jones thumped the ball home from 10 yards to give FC Oswestry Town a fine start to the season – and put them in good spirits ahead of last night's (wed) local derby with Oswestry Villa at Park Hall's Venue. In their first game following their launch, Oswestry Villa reserves were well beaten 6-0 at Market Drayton Tigers in division Drayton Tigers in division

Rangers battle back after defeat



Ellesmere's Dan Graham battles for the ball in the defeat against Smethwick

STEVEN O'Reilly's late strike helped Ellesmere Rangers avoid a second straight West Midlands Premier Division defeat against Shawbury United last

night.
O'Reilly netted four minutes from the end to salvage a 1-1 draw for the hosts at Beech Grove.

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The strike cancelled out Shawbury's first-half opener, from Dave Howarth, which had put them on course for back-to-back wins following Saturday's 2-1 win at Dudley Town.

But the hosts battled back to register their first point of the season after their 3-1 defeat against Smethwick Rangers on the opening day. Rangers director of football Alan Davis praised the club's youthful side, which was missing a handyouthful side, which was missing a hand-

le ball in the defeat against Smethwick
ful of first-team regulars, for their efforts
against a strong opponent.
Rangers have had to promote several
youth-team players into the first team
ranks over the summer as they aim to
rebuild the squad following last season's
relegation from the Midland Alliance.
And Davis said: "It was an excellent
performance from the lads and a good
result. We had more of the play and had
some good chances towards the end.
"It could have been three points in the
end but we were happy with the result
because Shawbury have some experienced players and our average age last
night was about 20.
"It is going to take a while for the
younger players to settle into this division but they are coping with it."

be introduced to football. I am sure that the experience will get more and more girls playing football." Yauxhall Managing Direc-tor, Duncan Aldred, said; "We are very excited about playing our part in the Fun Football Programme. "From the beginning of our sponsorship we have been committed to support-ing football from the grass ing football from the grass roots through to the nat-ional senior team and it is vitally important for the future of the game in Wales that we support the young talent with such opportunities."

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Williams takes top spot after roadworks cause time trial route to be shortened

ROADWORKS again forced Oswestry Paragon to shift their time trial on to the shorter Rednal course – but there was no hold-up for Josh Williams who took top spot

hold-up for Josh Williams who took top spot for the second week in a row.

Williams, of Paramount CRT, was three seconds quicker than his previous ride on the eight mile course crossing the line in 17 minutes 35 seconds.

Ryan Morley, of Fibrax-Wrexham, knocked nearly half a minute off his previous best to again finish second in 18-44, while Neil Coles continued to fight to retain his Stuart Barkley Cycles trophy when finishing third in 19-37. In fourth place and fastest junior was Will Pickles of Marches

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CC who clocked 20-38, with Simon McAllister, of Chester Tri, finishing fifth in 21-22. Robert Rees (21-38) just edged ahead of fellow Paragon Glyn Jones (21-43) for sixth place, with Dave Smith, of Marches CC, taking eighth spot in 22-10 ahead of Steve Davies (22-54). Richard Jones made it into the top 10 for the first time in 22-56. Riders are reminded that the final Friday night time trial of this year is on August, 23 with a 7pm start.

Meanwhile, two Paragon riders took part in the West Cheshire 12-hour time trial on Sunday. Colin Lythe, who was tackling the event for the first time, covered 227, 79 miles and Helen Tudor completed 211.46 miles.

AFTER winning their opening pre-season game 2-0 at Llanidloes, TNS ladies slipped to a 5-2 defeat against their former West Midlands premier division rivals Solihull Ladies in their second friendly at Park Hall. The visitors, promoted to the Midland Combination after winning the West Midlands League crown, took the lead in the 20th minute through Laura Quigley. Jay Madden doubled the lead in the 32hd minute before Kim Winton pulled one back nine minutes later. However, Solihull then made it 3-1 in first half stoppage AFTER winning their open

However, Solihull then made it 3-1 in first half stoppage time through Madden who then went on to complete her hat-trick in the 66th minute. TNS reduced the arrears in the 83rd minute through Beth Bowan's own goal but Madden had the last word with her fourth in injury time. injury time.

GUILSFIELD front runner Will Thomas has signed for Cymru Alliance new boys Llanidloes Town – and will link up with former Welshpool forward Jamie Breese in a potentially potent strikeforce. "We're delighted that Will has signed for us," said Llani's assistant boss Peter Jones after watching the pair find the net in pre-season.

in the area which most clubs in Mid Wales would like to have in their side."

Breese underlined his

St Martins kick off season with battling 2-2 home draw

ST MARTINS made a creditable start to their season in the West Midlands League division one with a 2-2 draw against fancied Penncroft at Oswestry's Park Hall.

A lively encounter saw Karl Bailey break through to beat the keeper to put the Saints ahead, but the visitors were back on terms when centre forward Ryan Bradshaw fired in the rebound after a shot had rebounded off the post.

off the post.

Bradshaw then put Penncroft ahead with a penalty, but St Martins were

back on terms at half time through Bailey's second goal of the game, also from the penalty spot after a foul on Keiran Barry.

Although there were no goals in the second period, the hosts almost won it late on when substitute Jed Morgan broke clear but his chip just clipped the bar.

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Boosted by their performance, St Martins hit the road for the first of three away games when they visit newly promoted Lads Club from Here-ford on Saturday.

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Skipper is Mario is postive for season Ifton in survival fight setting a target of four wins

WITH six games remaining, skipper Mark Robinson believes four wins should be enough to see Oswestry gain promotion from the Birm-ingham Cricket League divi-sion two

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The league leaders, lying
a commanding 34 points
clear, will be looking to
stretch their advantage still
further this Saturday when
they take on Coventry and
North Warwickshire at
Morda Road.

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Games now revert to the "win or lose" 50-over format for the rest of the season, and Robinson feels his side

and Robinson feels his side have what it takes to end the campaign on a high.

"We're 34 points clear of second, and 40 points ahead of the teams in third which is a great position to be in," he said.

"In effect we are two losses ahead of them, so four wins from our lest six granes.

losses ahead of them, so four wins from our last six games should be enough to get promotion, if not the title.
"Hard work has got us into this position, and the win or lose format in our remaining games should suit us as we have so much bowling in our team.

Injury
"We did not have a great

"We did not have a great time in this format earlier in the season, we lost three and won two, but we are confi-dent we can now put pressure on teams.

sure on teams.
"Coventry is a game we're looking to win, we beat them earlier in the season, but they have had some good results lately."
The Morda Road men keep the same side that defeated Attock by five wickets with paceman Jonathan wiles expected to how after.

Miles expected to bowl after taking a watching brief in the field last week due to a

the field last week due to a foot injury.

In his absence, Paul Robinson (2-38) and Joe Carrasco (3-32) led the way as the visitors were sent back for 121, before the spin of Warrick Fynn (4-38) then finished the innings off.

Fynn then top-scored with 34 as Oswestry chased down their total before Miles (33) and Scott Hale (23no) helped clinch the team's ninth 24-point haul of the season.

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But these departures have been off-

HAVING escaped relegation by the skin of their teeth last season, Llannhaeadr embark on a third season in the Cymru Alliance this weekend with survival again the name of the game. They make the trek to Anglesey to tackle Holyhead Hotspur on Saturday, with manager Mario laquinta maintaining his positive outlook for the coming campaign.

On the pitch, there have been changes with forward Alan Jones retiring, Jamie Evans switching to Spar Mid Wales League side Four Crosses and Hamish Clifton unable to figure of the club is looking bright.

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without unavailable central defenders Emyr Roberts and Rob Fox for their first outing of the season this weekend.

GUILSFIELD under new boss Matt

GUILSFIELD under new boss Matt Burton, face a tricky opener at home to big spending Conwy Borough, man-aged by former Welshpool chief Chris Herbert.

There have been comings and goings at the Recreation Ground, notably with last season's top scorer Will Thomas leaving for Llanidloes, while Rob Cookson and Chris Roberts have followed former boss Russell Cadwal-lader to Welshpool Town.

It has been a mixed pre-season for

It has been a mixed pre-season for the Guils who overcame Welsh Premier side Newtown 3-2, but this week found TNS too strong as they slumped 9-0.

IT'S all hands to the deck for Ifton's bowlers as they battle to escape relegation danger in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier League.

They were so short on numbers in their last match that Nick Jones had to turn out against visiting Bylet despite breaking his collarbone in a footballing accident a few weeks before.

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Because of the injury, he was forced to play left handed – but even so only lost 21-16 which helped Ifton shade the aggregate by six shots against their fellow strugglers and seal an 8-6 win overall.

The St Martins side still languish

third from bottom despite their efforts, and skipper Dicky Jones admits selection has been a headache

this season.

"The problem is that we've been

struggling to get a team," he said.
"We had hoped for a double figure
win against Bylet who were below us
in the table.

in the table.

"But we were so short last week that my son Nick, who has a broken collar bone, had to play left handed, but still managed 16.

"It's going to be close at the bottom, but hopefully we can get a few players back and can do enough to stay up in the next few weeks."

POOL BOSS LINKS ITH OLD

CLIVE McNamee has wasted little time in returning to management after being installed as assistant boss at his former club Welshpool Town - and in the process linking up again with old pal Russell Cadwallader.

The pair have enjoyed plenty of success as managers at Maesyre in the past, with McNamee also being general manager when Cadwallader was boss in their last stint together in the early 2000s.

After going their separate ways, they now reunite at the helm of the Welshpool club – one time Welsh Preclub – one time Welsh Pre-mier participants – who are now looking to consolidate in the lower echelons of the Spar Mid Wales League divi-sion one this season. McNamee returns to the Lilywhites after being sacked as manager of Spar rivals Montgomery just last week, despite enjoying

week, despite enjoying plenty of success on the

In his time with the club,

In his time with the club, Monty never finished out of the top two in any league they played in and last season, they narrowly missed out on promotion to the Cymru Alliance.

He also steered the club to three consecutive Montgomeryshire Cups, reached the final of the Emrys Morgan Cup for the first time, while they were the first winners of the Spar Two and the Richie Jenkins Cup, as well as reaching the final of

by John Bridgwater

the Spar Cup. So Cadwal-lader, who took the helm at Welshpool from Dave Jones after leaving Guilsfield at the start of the summer, was delighted to get "Mac" on board

board. "I've been looking for an assistant as I need help in doing the job, and Mac is the ideal person with his knowl-edge of local football and a long history of winning tro-phies," he said.

phies," he said.

"He has done a lot of for the club in the past and was keen to come back here."

Crunch clash for Welshpool cricketers

table, but the club are ambitious and want to be back in the Cymru Alliance in two or three years.

"I have kept the core of last season's team, have added four of five players, but I probably need another three, so hopefully we can pick up some once the season starts, if not before."

Young keeper Harry Wilkinson will take over in goal after joining from Guilsfield, while Chris Roberts and Rob Cookson have also switched from the Cymru Alliance club.

MONTGOMERY, under mew boss Lee Jones following the sacking of McNamee, face a tricky opener when they get underway at Builth Wells on Saturday while WATERLOO ROVERS who tackled Llanidloes Town in the Summer Cup in midweek - start their league campaign at home to Abercampaign at home to Aberaeron.

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LLANFAIR UNITED,
newly promoted to the Spar
Mid Wales League division
one this season, play their
first competitive outing
when they embark on the
Welsh Cup on Saturday. Their opponents are visitors Kerry for their preliminary round tie while LLAN-FYLLIN are at Presteigne.

It's mixed fortunes for Rangers



Ellesmere Rangers' Sean Griffiths comes way with the ball in the 3-1 home defeat by Smethwick Rangers on Saturday. Things improved for Rangers on Tuesday night when they drew 1-1 with Shawbury and they will hoping for a win when they visit Gornal Athletic tomorrow (Saturday) in the extra preliminary round in the Budweiser FA Cup. Match reports and picture – Page 47

TNS chief elected to council of Wales FA

THE New Saints chief operating officer Ian Williams has been elected to the Football Association of Wales Council as the Welsh Premier representative.

mier representative.
Williams, who was attending his first council meeting this week, was looking forward to the fresh challenge.
"I thank all of the clubs for their support in me representing them on the FAW Council." he said.
"It's an exciting time for Welsh football and especially football in the Welsh Premier League, with standards rising every year.

rising every year.
"We have worked hard over the past couple of seaover the past couple of sea-sons on a strategy to take the league forward, this in line with the FAW's strategy will ensure our national league is at the forefront of developing the game in Wales.

The New Saints, mean The New Saints, mean-while, completed their pre-season programme with two wins against Cymru Alliance opposition – and scored 16 goals in the process. First, they swept aside Guilsfield 9-0, and the fol-lowing wight a week

lowing night a much changed side won 7-2 at Buckley Town.

Jones on target

HIGHLY-rated striker Elliot Jones has signed for Berriew from Spar Mid Wales League Montgomery and scored twice in the midweek 3-0 friendly win over Caersws. Another new signing Karl Seliearts was also on the

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